Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

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Prices and Prospects.

OMPETITION FOR COKE CONTRACTS IS KEENER FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

y Product and Pocahontas Region Operators Find Some Buyers.

O SPOT COKE DEVELOPMENTS

ttle Inquiry and No Free Offerings; No Influence to Move the Market; Demand for Foundry Has Improved; Prices Are Being Firmly Maintained.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, June 21.—Recent conacts for Connellsville furnace coke r second half at $2.65 seem to have t the market at that figure as the utside, it being understood that hile operators are usually asking .75, when negotiations are opened ey have no intention of letting a me stand between them and a conact. In the case of the lers attracve brands still lower prices would e accepted, and in all probability e could have his pick of several rands of fair grade at $2.50 for the econd half of the year.

Contracts are not being closed apidly by any means, and the Conellsville operators have encountered omewhat keener competition than sual from other districts. In parcular there is the new seller in e east, the Lehigh Coke Company, hich with its recently enlarged plant as a surplus of by-product coke for ale in the open market, after the ethlehem furnaces, with which it is ffiliated, have been taken care of. It understood that the Lehigh Coke ompany has already closed a couple f small contracts.

It is reported that the Pocahontas perators are readily securing $1.10 r their coal, and thus they would e indisposed to sell coke at less than bout $2.50, but as this is the minium of the Connellsville market, the ocahontas coke has the advantage in e Chicago district on account of the 5-cent freight differential, in cases in hich that strength of cellular tructure peculiar to Connellsville oke is not essential. Apparently the maller stacks can use the coke to ood advantage, while the large tacks, with their heavy burdens, reuire coke with a strong structure.

The spot furnace coke market has hown no developments in the past eek. There has been no inquiry to peak of, and production is so closely djusted to contract requirements hat there has been no coke freely ffered in the market. Thus there has een no influence to move the market n either direction, and it remains notable at the level developed early ast week, as already reported.

Demand for foundry coke has improved, on the whole. There is a fair nquiry every day for prompt lots, enerally one to three or four carloads, and prices are firmly maintained at the former range of $3.25 to 3.50 according to brand.

There is rather active negotiating or foundry coke on contract, after lull of several weeks. The buying novement last April involved more han half the usual tonnage, not leaving a great deal to be closed at this ime. Several contracts have been put hrough with the smaller consumers nd others are under negotiation. The negotiations are rather colorless, however, as the operators are all olding to the regular season price of 2.50. The market is quotable as follows:

Prompt furnace	$2.40@$2.50
Contract furnace	$2.50@$2.65
Prompt foundry	$3.25@$3.50
Contract foundry	$3.50

The local pig iron market continues n a stagnant condition, except for he export demand for Bessemer. Even in this, however, the local market has less strength than formerly, s the Chicago district has lately appeared as a seller of Bessemer iron or export. One sale of 7,500 tons has een made and it is understood that here is quite a tonnage still to be sold. The Chicago seller made a price for export equivalent to about $20.50, Valley, when the Valley market was $21.00, and it is not improbable that more will be offered at the same figure. The Valley furnaces thus far adhere to their former figure.

There is no inquiry worth mentioning for basic iron. Foundry iron is quiet as to demand, while there are more offerings of resale iron by foundries whose consumption has been curtailed by the strike of molders, and resale iron can generally be picked up at $18.25, Valley, against the regular furnace price of $19.50. The market is quotable as follows:

Bessemer	$21.00
Basic	$18.25@$18.50
No. 2 foundry	$18.25@$18.50
Malleable	$18.25@$18.50
Forge	$18.00@$18.25

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces, prices delivered Pittsburg being higher by the 95-cent freight

VIRGINIA COKE RATES.

From Stonega are Fixed by The Interstate Commerce Commission.

By a decision just handed down the Interstate Commerce Commission has fixed reasonable divisions to the Interstate railroad, operated by the Stonega Coal & Coke Company, Stonega, Va., at 15 cents a ton on coal and 18 cents on coke, which will be paid by the Louisville & Nashville railroad, the connecting trunk line.

Reasonable coke rates for the future are fixed at $2.50 a ton to Chicago, with proportionately scaled rates to other destinations involved.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points of shipment, are as follows, per net ton of 2,000 pounds:

Destination.	Rate.
Baltimore	$1.80
Buffalo	1.55
Canton	1.40
Chicago	2.50
Cleveland	1.60
Columbus	1.65
Detroit	2.10
E. St. Louis	2.80
Erie	1.65
Harrisburg	1.70
Joliet	2.50
Louisville	2.50
Milwaukee	2.85
New York	2.85
Philadelphia	2.05
Pittsburg	.75
Port Henry, N. Y.	2.80
Pottstown	1.95
Reading	1.85
Richmond, Va.	2.94
South Bethlehem	2.00
Swedeland, Pa.	2.00
Toledo, O.	1.85
Wheeling	1.20
Valley Points	1.20

THE QUIETNESS IN STEEL NOT A SIGN OF WEAKNESS

But Rather a Feature of the Real Strength of the Situation; Export Demand Heavy.

Special to The Weekly Courier.

NEW YORK, June 21.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron market tomorrow as follows:

The quietness of the iron and steel markets, which has been further accentuated in the past week, has one very favorable feature in that it brings out clearly the inherent strength in the situation. There is no real sign of weakness in any department of the steel trade. The decline in the premiums demanded for quick delivery of bars, shapes and a few other commodities is not to be taken as a sign of weakness, for the general principle obtains that such premiums can only endure for a short period, the market making the necessary adjustments to equalize. In this instance the equalization was helped along by the large mills, which early in the year advanced prices far beyond the level of 1907, one that has been generally admitted as a "safe" one.

Prices of pig iron have yielded a trifle in some districts, under pressure of extremely light demand. What has occurred appears to be a reaction due to the disappointment of hopes entertained earlier in the year that there would be a sharp advance. This is distinctly the case with southern iron, as the speculators refused to sell while the market was advancing but are now eager to unload.

The export demand for steel continues heavy, and disregarding open contracts of somewhat uncertain tonnage producing capacity the export business is probably constituting more than one-half the current turnover. While the belligerents are buying freely the neutral countries are much more prominent, partly no doubt because their wants have continued to bank up and partly because ocean freights have declined.

All predictions are that steel markets will be very quiet throughout the summer, but with mills so well filled that no weakness in prices will develop. By September some of the smaller mills will begin needing more business, but the large mills are practically taken care of through the year. A considerable portion of the steel now being shipped is at prices far below the ruling market and this fact helps to maintain consumption.

MUST ARGUE CASE

Further Delay in Receivership Action is Denied by Court.

UNIONTOWN, June 19.—After a motion had been presented to the court today by Attorney W. J. Sturgis and A. F. Cooper for the continuance of the argument on the Thompson receivership case and opposition had been presented by Attorneys Charles A. Tuit and H. S. Dumbauld, Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen ordered that the hearing must proceed tomorrow.

He said that when June 20 was fixed as the date for the hearing, it was announced that the argument must be heard at that time. He said that foreign counsel, if unable to be here, could submit briefs in the case.

Samuel Untermyer, chief counsel for the J. V. Thompson Creditors' Committee, will not be here tomorrow to argue the Thompson receivership case, on account of being compelled to go to trial in New York with the Guggenheim case.

A continuance for four weeks was asked for.

"We are opposed to this continuance," said Attorney Tuit, who represents Mrs. Elizabeth Kremer, who has a $2,000 claim against Mr. Thompson and who is attacking the validity of the receivership. Mr. Tuit declared the action nothing more than a delay measure.

Refuse Advance in Fare.

The New York Public Service commission has refused to permit the New York Central railroad, to advance passenger fares in the state to a uniform basis of 2½ cents per mile.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1916.				WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1916.			
DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	20,859	18,554	2,305	234,333	20,819	18,721	2,098	229,623
Lower Connellsville	17,685	15,078	2,607	198,843	17,685	15,351	2,334	176,181
Totals	38,544	33,632	4,912	433,176	38,504	34,072	4,432	405,804
FURNACE OVENS.								
Connellsville	16,984	15,251	1,733	189,073	16,984	15,432	1,552	189,918
Lower Connellsville	5,582	4,938	644	61,595	5,582	5,029	553	56,131
Totals	22,566	20,189	2,377	251,268	22,566	20,461	2,105	246,049
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	3,875	3,303	572	44,660	3,835	3,289	546	39,705
Lower Connellsville	12,103	10,140	1,963	137,248	12,103	10,322	1,781	120,050
Totals	15,978	13,443	2,535	181,908	15,938	13,611	2,327	159,755

SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1916.	WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1916.
To Pittsburg	4,535 Cars.	4,008 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburg	6,165 Cars.	5,825 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	1,507 Cars.	1,618 Cars.
Totals	12,205 Cars.	11,451 Cars.

RUMOR IS REVIVED THAT WESTERN MD. WILL BUY READING

For the Purpose of Merging Two Roads Into One Big System.

THE BIG YARD IMPROVEMENTS

At Rutherford, Pa., Said to Be One of the Preliminary Steps in Plan; Rockefeller, Jr., Makes Inspection Trip, Giving Rise to New Speculation.

Those having a penchant for dovetailing railroad rumors together are just now engaged in outlining a project for an enlargement of the Western Maryland system. Baltimore is the source of information which is to the effect that the recent rapid advance of Reading railroad stock is due to the fact that the Rockefeller interests intend to obtain control of that road and consolidate it with the Western Maryland railroad. It is believed that this is plausible for within the last few months the Rockefeller interests have made a survey of the Western Maryland system and it was rumored that they intended to connect with the Reading. Reports of the rumored merger are given considerable credence in Baltimore.

It is said that the preliminary steps in the proposed merger will be taken by making extensive improvements in the yards at Rutherford, Pa., to consist of additional track room to accomodate 800 cars. Work on this yard enlargement began last week. At present the Western Maryland is allowed to send freight shipments into the Rutherford yards and the Reading is allowed to ship its freight over the Western Maryland tracks as far as Hagerstown. An agreement to this effect was made several years ago by the two railroads.

Shortly after Alexander Robertson resigned as president of the Western Maryland, several years ago, the Rockefeller interests secured control of the system. Some months ago John Rockefeller, Jr., made a trip over the lines of the Western Maryland and it was reported at that time that there was a movement on foot to consolidate the Western Maryland and Reading. Now that Rockefeller is making another trip of inspection over the Western Maryland, and to the coal properties owned by the associated interests, the rumor of the consolidation is again revived with some semblance of having real foundation in fact, the full import of which has not yet been announced.

The improvements which the Western Maryland is to make at Connellsville, the enlargement of its piers and port facilities at Baltimore, together with measures being taken to obtain entrance to Washington City indicate that a comprehensive plan of extension of the system is being worked out.

Some persons inclined to speculate on the possibilities believe that the prospective railroad across Greene county will figure in the future expansion of the Western Maryland through a connection at Connellsville by a line to be built to the Monongahela river, the intended eastern terminus of the Wheeling & Eastern.

Western Maryland to Washington.

Negotiations are reported under way whereby the Western Maryland railroad will secure entrance to Washington City through the acquisition of the Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis electric railway or by a trackage agreement with the company.

Cambria to Build More Furnaces.

Ground has been broken for two new open-hearth furnaces at the Franklin plant of the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown. When completed the battery at this plant will number 30 furnaces.

Bethlehem's Big Earnings.

Estimates of the earnings of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation for the first six months of this year have been placed at $30,000,000.

MUCH THAT IS DISQUIETING IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

The Stimulus of War-Time Prosperity, High Wages and High Prices is Creating a Serious Condition.

If the facts which an investigation conducted by Federal Reserve agents into the industrial situation, as affected by the supply and demand for labor, increases in wages and prices and shortening of hours, are truly illustrative of prevailing conditions, there is much that is disquieting for the business and industry of the country.

During the course of this investigation every representative firm in Pennsylvania and many in nearby states were requested to comment fully and frankly on the labor situation, and more than 97% of those addressed complied with the request. Reserve Agent Austin, in setting forth the conclusions, says there is universal complaint that as wages are increased a large class of wage-earners become less productive. Instead of taking advantage of the present wonderful opportunity to make large earnings, they are apparently not netting much more than formerly when wages were much lower, and the whole country is suffering a great economic loss through the failure of our industrial establishments to produce the volume of goods for which there is at present so great a demand.

Many particulars are cited from letters received from employing concerns in different industries. One says that every increase in wages has been followed by a decrease in efficiency on the part of employes, and the matter has become so serious that the only thing to do is to close the plants until labor conditions become more settled. There are various repetitions of the complaint that the more the men get the less earnest and efficient they become, doing nothing to improve their own condition or to save for the future. They take advantage of the demand for labor and the shortage of supply to be more careless and negligent, to slow down in their efforts and take days off, utterly heedless of anything but their own ease.

Actual cases are cited in coal and iron mining, in metal working, in ship-building and in textile industries. The condition seriously aggravates the difficulty of meeting demands and fulfilling contracts, of maintaining profits in spite of high prices. There is a tendency to take full advantage of urgent demand and inadequate supply to exact unduly high prices and get excessive profit. That naturally incites workingmen to demand high wages, while they have not a corresponding incentive to do more and better work. This hoistering up of prices and profits on one side and pushing up wages and letting down efficient work on the other, is in great danger of sowing the seeds of disaster for both.

There is much talk of maintaining industrial activity and expanding trade after the abnormal conditions caused by the war in Europe have passed. When the time comes for that expanding trade and the nations now at war begin to recover their industrial activity, with every motive for working diligently, keeping down cost and exerting the utmost efficiency, people will suffer from the consequences of extravagance and heedlessness. Their power to compete is liable to be slowly and relentlessly resisted until it is overcome and the field is won back by foreign rivals.

ALL-RAIL COAL TO PACIFIC

Lack of Ships May Make Rail Shipments a Necessity for War Vessels.

Scarcity of foreign freight ships and the absence of an adequate American merchant marine are threatening, it is said, to put the United States naval stations on the Pacific coast in a bad way for coal. It may be necessary for the Government to send all coal for warships and navy-yards on the Pacific coast overland by rail instead of through the Panama canal as heretofore.

The situation is of such immediate seriousness that in the new contracts for supplying coal the Government has asked bidders to figure on the basis of taking coal overland direct from the mine, instead of by ship from tidewater, as has been the rule.

Wyoming Coal Production.

The production of coal in Wyoming in 1915 was 6,554,028 short tons.

INEFFICIENCY OF MEN COMES HIGH IN NORTHERN END

Where Festival Observances Curtail Shipments 8,400 Tons.

IS WORSE THAN EASTER SLUMP

Shipping Record Reduced to Lowest Point for the Year to Date; Both Districts Affected; Normal Order of Operations Now Being Restored.

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg-Connellsville coke districts last week paid a high price for inefficiency and indifference of men. On account of the protracted observance of "Green Tree Day," and the recovery consequent therefrom, both regions suffered in greater or less degree throughout the week from the failure of the men to work with either regularity or industry.

The cost, as measured by reduction in output was 8,400 tons of coke, the shipments of both districts having fallen off that amount during the week. This slump exceeds in volume of shipments lost that following the Easter holiday, and reduces the week's total to the lowest for the year to date.

This week operations have been restored to a near approach to normal which affords about the only consolation the operators have over the unsatisfactory showing of last week.

Shipments in tons from the two districts for the week ending Saturday, June 17, were as follows:

District.	East.	West.	Total.
Upper Conn	5,109	12,100	17,209
Greensburg	7,918	7,663	15,581
Totals	13,018	19,763	32,781

Compared with the previous week these totals show a loss of 3,163 tons in the Eastern and 5,243 tons in the Western shipments, or a total of 8,406 tons for both districts. Of the two districts the Upper Connellsville was the heavier loser, Eastern shipments having decreased 1,937 tons and Western 4,790 tons, or a total of 6,727 tons. The Greensburg district lost 1,226 tons East and 453 tons West, or a total of 1,679 tons.

The following tabulation shows the output of these districts by weeks in tons of 2,000 pounds for 1916 to date:

Week Ending.	Upper C'ville	Greensbg C'ville.	Total Ton
Jan. 8	19,372	18,340	37,712
Jan. 15	25,104	18,912	44,016
Jan. 22	19,460	16,988	36,448
Jan. 29	25,159	19,159	44,278
Feb. 5	23,711	19,568	43,279
Feb. 12	26,127	22,079	48,206
Feb. 19	24,341	19,002	43,343
Feb. 26	29,431	16,921	46,352
Mar. 4	25,502	18,134	44,636
Mar. 11	24,417	16,871	41,318
Mar. 18	22,734	20,471	43,205
Mar. 25	34,220	21,480	55,700
April 1	29,809	18,158	47,967
April 8	26,217	17,277	43,494
April 15	18,813	20,710	39,523
April 22	26,419	15,590	42,009
April 29	26,121	15,687	41,808
May 6	18,217	16,297	34,514
May 13	17,779	18,588	36,367
May 20	22,287	17,076	39,363
May 27	21,955	18,970	40,925
June 3	22,875	17,944	40,820
June 10	25,927	15,260	41,187
June 17	17,200	15,581	32,781

The output of the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville regions for 1916 was consigned by weeks and tons of 2,000 pounds as follows:

Week.	East	West.	Total
Jan. 8	13,594	23,118	37,712
Jan. 15	17,689	26,327	44,016
Jan. 22	17,611	18,837	36,448
Jan. 29	19,431	22,844	42,275
Feb. 5	19,719	23,560	43,279
Feb. 12	22,350	25,856	48,206
Feb 19	19,698	23,645	43,343
Feb 26	18,807	27,545	46,352
Mar. 4	18,504	26,132	44,636
Mar 11	17,572	23,746	41,318
Mar. 18	21,872	21,333	43,205
Mar 25	24,888	30,812	55,700
April 1	17,993	29,974	47,967
April 8	16,377	27,117	43,494
April 15	19,709	20,814	39,523
April 22	18,609	23,400	42,009
April 29	15,871	19,937	35,808
May 6	16,917	18,597	34,514
May 13	18,788	17,579	36,367
May 20	18,007	21,356	39,363
May 27	19,957	20,968	40,925
June 3	15,762	25,058	40,820
June 10	16,187	25,000	41,187
June 17	13,018	19,763	32,781

Production of Asphalt.

In 1915 the production of natural asphalt in the United States amounted to 75,750 tons, valued at $525,000.

Production and Output.

COKE SHIPMENTS BACK TO 433,000 TONS AFTER RATHER PLEASANT FLYER IN COAL

Some 250,000 Tons Coal Sold on Movement at Upwards of $2.00.

JONES & LAUGHLIN CHIEF BUYER

Coal Coked in Their Big Rectangular Plants at Aliquippa and Hazelwood. Connellsville Operators Curtail Production to Meet Slack Demand.

The Connellsville coke trade is back to normal conditions. After a rather exciting and altogether very pleasant flyer in coal, merchant operators have resumed the coke business at the old stand. As a result the coke shipments of the region have expanded from 408,000 to 433,000 tons. Production has kept right up with shipments, indicating that the movement was as usual direct from ovens to cars and that no coke was stocked on the yards. Advices are to the effect that no stock was lifted, either.

The coal movement was caused by the strike of the Monongahela river miners, causing a flurry in the demand for coal in the Pittsburg mill district. That part of this demand which specially interested the Connellsville coke operators was that of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company. This company makes its own coke at plants located at Hazelwood and Aliquippa. These plants are composed of several thousand rectangular ovens and have been running on Monongahela river coal mined in Washington county close to Greene county. The coal is furnished by the Vesta Coal Company, a subsidary concern. After some negotiations this company came to an agreement with its miners, and the latter resumed work this week, thus practically shutting off demand for Connellsville coal for these ovens.

The coal movement began the last week in May and continued up to and including a portion of this week. It is estimated that it aggregated 250,000 tons and as the price paid was in the neighborhood of $2.00 per ton it was a right good stroke of business for Connellsville operators. Some coal is shipped regularly from the Connellsville region, notably by the H. C. Frick Coke Company, which sends out about 300 cars or 15,000 tons per week from its Lower Connellsville mines. Some coal is shipped from the Yukon district in the northern end of the region, thus we have the coal market being supplied from the Klondyke and the Yukon districts of the Connellsville coke region. The former sends out regularly some 4,000 cars per month or 200,000 tons, while the latter puts forth the more modest quota of 1,000 cars or 50,000 tons. These figures are approximate but accurate.

Production for the week ending Saturday, June 17th, was 433,176 tons of which the merchant operators made 181,908 tons and the furnace interests 251,268 tons. By districts, the Connellsville region put out 234,333 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 198,843 tons. Compared with the previous week this indicates a gain of 5,210 tons by the furnace ovens and 27,372 tons by the merchant ovens. The latter, as indicated above, have resumed the coking of their coal. During the previous week coke production dropped to 405,000 tons, but there was a coal movement aggregating 75,000 tons, upwards of 50,000 tons of which was new business for the merchant operator. It passed from the pit to the railroad cars without lingering at the ovens to be changed into coke.

The operators are curtailing their production by dropping some ovens. The result is that there are but 87.2% of the ovens in operation as against over 90% a couple of weeks ago. The furnace interest still has 89.4% in blast, but the merchant operators have dropped down to 84.1%. Last week the active list of ovens was reduced by 360. Ovens were put out at Adelaide, Buckeye, Leisenring No. 3, Marguerite, Redstone, Trotter, Royal and Sterling, and fired up at Leith, Mutual, Mammoth and Southwest No. 1. Six days per week continues to be the running time of the region, though a few merchant plants report five. Labor continues in fair supply, but the men will not always work. Operations were interfered with on Monday and Tuesday of last week by religious holidays of the Greek church.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday, June 17th, aggregated 12,205 cars carrying 433,630 tons consigned as follows:

Destinations	Cars.	Tons.
Pittsburg District	4,535	160,735
West of Pittsburg	6,165	221,863
East of Connellsville	1,507	51,232

Compared with the previous week this shows an increase of 25,247 tons. Pittsburg shipments increased 18,565 tons and Western shipments gained 10,045 tons, while Eastern shipments fell off 3,963 tons. The latter, however, still stand above 50,000 tons, which is a good record, and does not indicate any serious competition as yet by eastern by-product coke. Cars for both coal and coke going out of the Connellsville region are reported to be in good supply.

Fulton County's First Railroad.

A charter has been granted to McConnellsburg & Fort Loudon Railroad Company, which when constructed will be the first steam railroad in Fulton county, the only county in Pennsylvania without a railroad.

COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

The Connellsville coke operators have resumed business at the old stand after having had a very exciting and not unpleasant flyer in the coal trade. A strike in the Monongahela river region put some of the Pittsburg district mills to guessing where to buy coal, especially the Jones & Laughlin Steel interest, which makes its own coke from several thousand rectangular ovens located at their plants in Hazelwood and Aliquippa. These ovens are operated on coal from the Vesta mines in Washington county, and coal from that section was desired for the ovens. It was furnished out of the Lower Connellsville or Klondyke district. The movement began the last week in May and lasted until this week. It involved approximately 250,000 tons for which the operators received upwards of $2 per ton. For the week ending June 10th, coke shipments dropped down to 405,000 tons, but last week there was a recovery to 433,000 tons. There has been some curtailment of production. Last week 360 ovens were put out. The merchant operators are running but 84% of their ovens as against 89% a few weeks ago, and the region has dropped from over 90% to 87.2%.

COAL STRIKE SITUATION BUT LITTLE CHANGED

The Resumption of the Vesta Mines Did Not Result in General Break as Had Been Expected.

The resumption last Friday of the mines of the Vesta Coal Company, subsidiary of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, it was thought would mark a break in the strike of the miners in the Monongahela valley and other sections of the Pittsburg district. To date very little progress has been made towards a resumption of the mines where the men are members of the union. A few independent mines of relatively small capacity are working but not to capacity. Otherwise there is practically no change in the situation compared with that of a week ago.

The insurgent element of the miners' union seem more concerned in bringing about a removal of their district officers than they are securing a settlement of their grievances. They have held conventions but without accomplishing very definite results. A scale committee appointed at one of these meetings had a conference at Indianapolis with the international board of the miners' union and was instructed by that body to return to the field and tell the men to return to work at once. At the same time it was decided to send a number of the members of the international board to the district to devise some means of straightening out the tangle which has resulted from the repudiation of the scale.

The Pittsburg Coal Company the largest operator in the district is manifesting little concern over the attitude of the majority of its employes. No attempt is being made to resume operations but the company is increasing activity at its operations in the Kanawha region of West Virginia and is taking care of its trade largely from that source.

The demand for coal is lighter than last and the previous week but prices are fairly well maintained. Lake shipments from this district are very light, almost nothing. In some quarters there is talk now of the likelihood of all-rail shipments of coal having to be made to the northwest this winter.

BIG BY-PRODUCT COMPANY

Backed By Mellons; Will Finance Two Other Enterprises.

The granting of a charter to the Pittsburg By-Product Coke Company, noted in these columns a few days ago, is followed with information that is significant of the development in the by-product industry. The new corporation, which has an authorized capital of $10,000,000, is to act as the holding company for the Seaboard By-Product Company which is building a plant of 110 ovens at Newark, N. J., and also of the Western States Coke Company, which has a plant of 55 ovens in operation at Saint Paul, Minn.

Both of the plants were built by the H. Koppers Company of Pittsburg. This company which it is announced is controlled by the Mellon interests, has taken all of the stock of the new Pittsburg By-Product Coke Company and will develop both the coke and the coal tar by-product parade in the two sections of the country. The organization, however, is the first in which the Koppers company have taken an active hand, as it has always been exclusively a building company, for the designing and building of by-product coke works.

To Standardize Coal Industry.

Plans for developing a system of standardization for the bituminous coal industry of the United States were discussed at a conference in Pittsburg on Friday between 125 coal operators from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the Federal Trade Commission, and D. H. Morrow, special agent.

N. & W. Makes New Record.

During the month of May the Norfolk & Western carried 3,094,208 tons of coal, exceeding the best previous record of October 1915 by 66,972 tons.

COKE PRODUCTION IN UNITED STATES 20 PER CENT LARGER

In 1915 Than in 1914, But Still 5,000,000 Tons Short of 1913.

TOTAL OUTPUT 41,581,150 TONS

Of Which 27,508,255 Tons Are Made In Beehive Ovens and 14,072,895 Tons In By-Product; Former Shows Increase of 18% and the Later 25%.

The coke made in the United States in 1915 amounted to 41,581,150 short tons, an increase, as compared with 1914, of 7,025,236 tons, or 20 per cent, and was within 5,000,000 tons of the record output of 1913, according to figures compiled by C. E. Lesher of the United States Geological Survey. Of this total 34 per cent or 14,072,895 tons, was by-product coke, and 66 per cent, or 27,508,255 tons, was made in beehive ovens. The increase in the output of by-product coke in 1915 as compared with 1914 was 25 per cent, and in beehive, 18 per cent.

A noticeable feature of the years' record was that the quantity of by-product coke made in 1915 was the greatest yet recorded, exceeding the output of 1913 by 1,358,195 tons. Three-fourths of the by-product plants reported an increase in output, and 4 new plants began production during the year, 1 each at Cambria, Pa., Duluth, Minn., St. Louis, Mo., and Chattanooga, Tenn. The total number of by-product ovens in operation in 1915 was 5,481, against 5,142 in 1914.

The number of beehive ovens in operation in 1915 was 49,540 as against 49,496 in 1914. The increase of 18 per cent in the production of beehive-coke from practically the same number of ovens indicates more continuous operation during the past year. All states except Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia in the South, and Massachusetts in the North had increased output in 1915.

Pennsylvania easily lead all other states in production both in beehive and in by-product ovens. The output of the former was 22,530,567 tons, or 81% of all the beehive oven coke made in the United States. The state's output of 3,092,295 tons of by-product coke was greater than that of any other state and formed 22% of the total production by this process. The combined beehive and by-product production in Pennsylvania of 25,622,862 constituted 61% of the output of all the coke producing states during the year.

The production of beehive coke in short tons by states was as follows:

State	Tons
Alabama	1,001,477
Colorado	670,938
Georgia	20,039
Kentucky	284,516
New Mexico	380,411
Ohio	19,101
Pennsylvania	22,530,567
Tennessee	233,768
Virginia	620,807
West Virginia	1,250,235
Other States	478,459
Total	27,508,255

The production of by-product coke and the total production by both beehive and by-product oven in short tons by states was as follows:

State.	By-Product	Total.
Alabama	2,070,334	3,071,811
Colorado		670,938
Georgia		20,039
Illinois	1,636,998	1,656,998
Indiana	2,768,099	2,768,099
Kentucky	241,581	526,097
Maryland	313,283	313,283
Minnesota	127,847	127,847
New Mexico		380,411
New York	684,461	684,461
Ohio	685,557	684,658
Pennsylvania	3,092,295	25,622,862
Tennessee	23,208	256,976
Virginia		620,807
West Virginia	141,211	1,391,446
Other States	2,257,961	2,736,420
Total	14,072,895	41,581,150

The states grouped in "other states" include Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Utah, Wisconsin and Washington. In the latter and combined by-product and beehive output was 138,552 tons.

The Production in West Virginia, of 1,250,235 tons of beehive coke, is the smallest since 1910.

Sand-Lime Brick.

The United States Geological Survey now has available for distribution its annual statement on sand-lime brick. During the year 1915 the quantity of sand-lime brick sold showed an increase of 7,014,000 brick, or 4 per cent, and the value showed an increase of $76,592, or 7 per cent, over 1914.

COAL PRODUCTION IN MARYLAND INCREASED

Output During 1915 Was 1 Per Cent Greater in Quantity and Brought 2% More in Selling Price.

Although the markets for Maryland coal were somewhat restricted during the early months of 1915 and car shortage interferred greatly with the output in December, the record for the year shows an increase over 1914 of 1 per cent in quantity and nearly 2 per cent in value. The output in 1915 according to figures compiled by the United States Geological Survey in cooperation with the State geologist of Maryland, was 4,180,477 short tons, valued at $5,230,845, as compared with 4,133,547 short tons, valued at $5,234,796 in 1914. The increase occured in Garrett county, which in 1915 produced 782,976 tons, as against 671,621 in 1914. Allegany county decreased from 3,449,365 tons in 1914 to 3,388,365 tons in 1915.

On the coals for which Maryland is famous, it is generally understood that the Elk Gardeh is entirely worked out and the Georges Creek Big Vein is fast approaching exhaustion. When the great extent of the lower but thinner beds is more fully realized, and when labor can be had to mine these thinner beds at rates comparable with those paid in fields in adjacent States, the production of Maryland will probably again increase to the record output of 1906 and 1907, amounting to about five and a half million tons.

The number of men employed in the Maryland mines increased from 5,403 to 5,664, and the average number of days the men worked increased from 739 tons, as compared with 765 tons in 1914, and the average daily output was 3.05 tons in 1915 as against 3.17 tons in 1914. Over 90 per cent of the coal in Maryland is mined by hand.

ILLINOIS MINERS

Make Short Time and Big Wages, But Not Sufficient for Needs.

The *Russell Sage Foundation*, in a report on industrial conditions in the central Illinois coal field, says that irregularity of employment is greater in that industry than in any other occupational group. The mine workers are employed about eight months of the year. The miners and loaders are paid from 59 cents to $1.27 per ton for the coal that they mine. The rates vary according to the difficulties of mining.

Some workers are able to make as much as $5 a day, but the great majority make less. A few earn as much as $7 or $8 a day. But out of more than 300 possible working days in the year ending 30, 1913, the mines of Sangamon County worked only 181 days. The average working days per month range from 10 in May and June to 20 in October.

The cause for the slackness in operation, according to the report, is found partly in the nature of the product and partly in the artificial conditions resulting from the biennial agreement negotiated between the operators and the miners' union. An over-supply of miners also aggravates the situation. "The net result," the report says, "is that while wage rates appear to be liberal, the miners' incomes are reduced until it is impossible in the case of many of the men to supply an average family of five or six persons with the reasonable necessities of life."

NEW BY-PRODUCT COMPANIES.

Pittsburgers Interested in Formation of Two Corporations.

A Delaware charter has been granted to the Pittsburg By-Product Coke Company with a capital stock of $10,000,000.

L. R. Martin, F. J. Holub, A. A. Garroway, E. C. McHugh and R. T. Rossell all of Pittsburg have made application for a charter for the Equitable Coke Company, to manufacture coke and its by-products.

Increased Rate Suspended.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Proposed joint rate increases of 30 cents a ton on bituminous coal from mines in West Virginia on the Chesapeake & Ohio to Brooksville, Ky., which were to have become effective on June 15, have been suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission until October 13 next pending investigation and hearing. The increase would have raised the rates from $1.10 to $1.40 a ton.

Bridge Buying Revived.

Orders for bridge work by eastern railroads, which during the past two or three weeks have been falling away, seem to have taken on a fresh lease of life and six or seven different lines again are buying.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, June 17, 1916.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
200	200	Acme	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
80		Adams	Penn Coke Co	Uniontown
260	240	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300		Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
397	360	Baggaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
300	300	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	60	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	90	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	80	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
260	242	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
32		Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
301	301	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
76	70	Coalbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
326	326	Continental 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
396	333	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	28	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
280	145	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Ellen, No. 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	48	Ellen, No. 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
199	200	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
126	100	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
10		Franklin	Summit-Conn. Coke Co	Connellsville
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
116		Grace	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
272	272	Hecla No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	280	Hecla No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
8	8	Helen	Samuel J Lohr	Youngwood
355	355	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
145	145	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
42		Jimtown	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
38		Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co	Uniontown
250	250	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
306	306	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
499	440	Leisenring 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	406	Leisenring 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	420	Leisenring 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	250	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	205	Lemont No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
350	350	Lemont No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
32	32	Love	Orville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
84		Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co	Dunbar
509	488	Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	380	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	217	Mt. Braddock	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
810	810	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
195	125	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
82	82	Myers	Brownfield-O'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
268	268	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	292	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
480	348	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Painter	Newcomer Coke Co	Uniontown
180	175	Paul	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
400	400	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
95	60	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
443	370	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	312	Revere	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
120	120	Rist	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
110	110	Samet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
86	36	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
448	412	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
425	400	Southwest 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
160	130	Southwest 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	204	Southwest 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
901	800	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	30	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
40	38	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
464	430	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
350	330	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	100	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
80	60	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
57	48	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co	Pittsburg
94	94	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
352	352	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	460	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
246	246	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg

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DEVELOPMENTS IN PROGRESS

Involve the Expenditure of Millions and Will Provide Vast Additions to The Productive Capacity of a Great Variety of Plants for Making Steel.

"Boasts and expectations that the south end of Lake Michigan, from Chicago to Michigan City some day may rival the Pittsburg district as a producer of iron and steel are coming many steps nearer realization in the present year," the Daily Iron Trade optimistically declares. "Although not yet nearly equal to the older district in tonnage and commercial importance, this Lake Michigan region is making great advances at present and assumes a new importance.

"Millions of dollars are being expended by the United States Steel Corporation subsidaries and by independent concerns in this location, and improvements now under way are projected for immediate realization will practically double the present capacity of the region. At the Gary works of the Illinois Steel Company, an addition of practically 50 per cent is being made, the blast furnace plant being increased from eight to twelve stacks. The National Tube Company's plant adjacent to the Gary works will have four additional stacks and equipment to care for the iron from them. These additions are equal to another Gary plant. At Indiana Harbor the Island Steel Company is making an increase in capacity of approximately 50 per cent; one blast furnace being added to the two now in use. Additional open hearth and finishing mills are being put up. Adjacent to the Island plant, the Mark Manufacturing Company is breaking ground for a steel plant of sufficient capacity to consume the product of two blast furnace stacks, and will erect two stacks of its own when the remainder of the plant is well under way, using iron from the Iroquois furnaces in the meantime. Near Gary the American Sheet & Tin Plate Company is erecting large works, and at South Chicago the Illinois Steel Company is adding much to its capacity in a duplexing plant.

"These new and projected plants fill many of the gaps existing along the south shore of the lake and leave much less frontage to be taken later by other interests. Many considerations make the Chicago district location industrially ideal. Ore is brought direct to the dock at the furnace side by water, eliminating the reloading and rail transportation necessary for ore destined to inland points. Many trunk line railroads pass close to the lake behind the plants and ample transfer railroad facilities assist in transporting raw and finished material. Another factor in favor of this section is the possibility of water transportation of the finished product to many eastern points at a lower rate than the rail rate from mills not so advantageously placed.

"Other projects are believed to be under way to add to this comparatively new center and assist in giving it a strong position in the steel-producing world. To work them out will take time, but the day when a continuous belt of blast furnaces and steel mills will skirt the lake for many miles, some predict to Michigan City, is drawing closer as the industry expands."

WEST PENN ELECTRIC

Power Will Be Used at the New Mining Operations of Cambria Steel Co.

Engineers of the West Penn Power have been making surveys to the site of the Cambria Steel Company's new mine development in Salem township, Westmoreland county with the view to obtaining data for equipping the new operation electrically. The engineers of the owners have made surveys of plants sites and are now engaged in developing plans for the plants structures.

A force of Pennsylvania railroad engineers is in the field looking after the preliminary work of constructing the four-mile extension of the Turtle creek valley branch from Delmont.

The by-product coke ovens of the Cambria Steel Company at its Franklin furnace plant will be supplied with coal from the new field. The increased consumption of coal at this plant is causing haste to be made in the development of the new mining operations.

ADVANCES IN EXPLOSIVES

Have Ranged From 25% for Powder to 200% for Dynamite Caps.

Explosives and blasting materials used in mining coal have advanced enormously in price in the last nine months. Values in the various grades of dynamite have increased from 80 to 120 per cent. black powder has jumped ahead 23 per cent, permissible explosives over 35 per cent, and dynamite caps more than 200 per cent in the period referred to.

The anthracite operators will continue to furnish these materials to the miners at the same prices that prevailed four years ago, meaning, in effect, that they will carry the added expense of $2,000,000 annually which the advance in these materials represents.

Suspend Operations.

The Lilly Coal & Coke Company yesterday suspended all attempts to resume operations at its mine near West Brownsville and will remain idle until an adjustment of the wage question is finally determined in the Pittsburg district.

RECENT PATENTS.

Of Special Interest to the Coal and Coke Trade.

The following recently granted patents of interest to the coal and coke trade are reported expressly for The Weekly Courier by William G. Doolittle, Patent Attorney, Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa., from whom copies may be procured for 15 cents each.

Engine for coal boring machines, J. W. Evans, Denver, Colo., assignor of one-third to Samson Brothers, No. 1,181,126.

Coal-cutting chain, Ralph J. Teetor, Indianapolis, Ind., assignor to Link-Belt Company, Chicago, Ill., No. 1,181,185.

Trolley mechanism for coke-oven doors, Thomas J. Mitchell and James A. McCreary, Uniontown, Pa., No. 1,181,472.

Mining machine, Frederick D. Buffum, West Virginia, assignor to Edward O'Toole, Gary, West Virginia, No. 1,182,453.

Process of making non-coking coals coking, Joseph Becker, Chicago, Ill., assignor to H. Koppers Company, No. 1,182,738.

Oiler for mine-car wheels, Victor Willoughby, Jeffersonville, Ind., assignor to American Car & Foundry Company, St. Louis, No. 1,183,941.

Oiler for mine-car wheels, Warren V. Johnson, Bloomsburg, Pa., assignor to American Car & Foundry Company, St. Louis, No. 1,183,981.

Mine-car, Warren V. Johnson and John Lee McDowell, Bloomsburg, Pa., assignors to American Car & Foundry Company, St. Louis, No. 1,183,982.

Mine car running gear, Warren V. Johnson and Robert C. Kepner, Bloomsburg, Pa., assignors to American Car & Foundry Co., St. Louis, No. 1,183,983.

Mine car wheel, Warren V. Johnson, Bloomsburg, Pa., assignor to American Car & Foundry Co., No. 1,183,984

Mine car wheel, Warren V. Johnson, Bloomsburg, Pa., assignor to American Car & Foundry Co., St. Louis, No. 1,183,985.

Roller bearing mine car wheel, William J. McDonald, Huntington, West Va., assignor to American Car & Foundry Co., St. Louis, No. 1,183,994.

Coal washer, Waren Monroe Tipper, Carbon Hill, Alabama, No. 1,184,049.

Hand mining machine, Nicola Pedulla, Macdonaldton, Pa., No. 1,184,205.

Mining machine, Harry A. Kuhn and Walter W. Macfarren, Pittsburg, Pa., said Macfarren assignor to said Kuhn, No. 1,184,358.

Mining machine truck, Edward L. Hopkins, Columbus, Ohio, assignor to The Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, No. 1,184,453.

Miner's tool, Ole Hanson, Lead, S. D., No. 1,184,746.

Safety device for mine-chutes, John F. Hume, Redding, Cal., No. 1,184,958.

Mine loading machinery, Frank Billings, Cleveland, Ohio, No. 1,185,050.

Mining machine, Albert Ball, Claremont, New Hampshire, assignor to Sullivan Machinery Company, Boston, Mass., No. 1,185,275.

Mining machine, Albert Ball, Claremont, New Hampshire, assignor to Sullivan Machinery Company, Boston, Mass., No. 1,185,276.

Mining machine, Albert Ball, Claremont, New Hampshire, assignor to Sullivan Machinery, Company, Boston, Mass., No. 1,185,277.

Mining machine, Albert Ball, Claremont, New Hampshire, assignor to Sullivan Machinery Company, Boston, Mass., No. 1,185,278.

Mining machine, Albert Ball and Morris P. Holmes, Claremont, New Hampshire, assignors to Sullivan Machinery Company, Boston, Mass., No. 1,185,279.

BIG PROFITS

Made by The Express Companies Last Year: More Railroad Statistics.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—A profit of nearly $7,000,000 has been cleared by the principal express companies of the United States during the first eight months of the present fiscal year, as against a deficit of almost $500,000 in the corresponding period last year, according to statements filed by the companies with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Adams Express Company's report shows a profit in the first eight months this year of $1,359,970 as compared with a deficit last year of $1,001,916; and the American Express Company a profit of $2,060,717, as against a deficit of $418,448. Wells Fargo & Co. show a great increase in profits, from $356,703 in the first eight months last year to $1,686,340 this year.

Added reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission, including 165 of the large railroads of the country, show for the first ten months of the fiscal year a net revenue of $941,693,032 as against $685,049,163 last year, or $4,173 per mile against $3,053. The largest increase was in the railroads of the eastern district, although the southern and the western roads also showed considerable gains in revenue. In the eastern district it rose for the ten months period from $267,308,567 to $398,615,802; or from $4,585 to $6,993 per mile.

NEW SHIP LINE.

Another Jap Company Goes After American Tonnage.

DAIREN, Japan, June 21.—The opportunities for freight-carrying ships on the Pacific Ocean has induced the Shosho, a Japanese steamship company, to inaugurate a line to Seattle, with stops at Kobe, Japan and Vladivostok. The company has its main office here at Dairen. It is expected that eventually five ships will be employed in the service.

Miscellaneous goods will be carried to Seattle and munitions of war for Russia will be trasported from the United States to Vladivostok.

Harwick Mine Sold.

A deal has been closed whereby the property of the Allegheny Coal Company at Harwick, Butler county, is sold to a Pittsburg company, presumed to be the Philadelphia Company as a reserve supply of fuel for its electric power stations. The consideration is reported to have been $2,000,000.

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Total Ovens	In Bl'st	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
40	.....	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alicia	W. Harry Brown	Alicia, Fay. Co.
293	293	Allison No. 1	W J Rainey	New York
200	90	Allison No. 2	W J Rainey	New York
149	142	American No. 1	American C'ville C. & C. Co.	Pittsburg
240	150	American No. 3	American C'ville C. & C. Co.	Pittsburg
40	.....	Anica	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	.....	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Gans
42	.....	Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	400	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Brier Hill
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
257	.....	Besco	I W Semans	Uniontown
426	426	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
84	80	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	329	Colonial No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	156	Colonial No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Colonial No. 4	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
286	286	Denbo	Reliance Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	402	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	.....	Donald 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	420	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Uniontown
182	32	Eleanor	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
82	82	Emory	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
32	32	Finley	Jas. Bryne & Co.	Uniontown
400	400	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
119	104	Garwood	Aetna-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
202	150	Geneva	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, O
58	58	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Griffin No. 1	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200	Griffin No. 2	Hillman-Neff Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	45	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
53	40	Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
104	116	Hoover	James H Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
105	105	Hustead	Hustead-Semans Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
280	280	Isabella	Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co.	Labelle
230	200	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
462	330	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
516	467	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	40	Little Gem	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
84	.....	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
64	.....	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
244	.....	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
300	300	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
60	60	Murphy	Eohard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
30	30	Newcomer	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
460	480	Orient	Orient Coke Co.	Uniontown
202	202	Puritan	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
30	30	Perry	Perry Coke Co.	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co.	Uniontown
101	101	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
120	65	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Outcrop
350	350	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
86	.....	Rice	Rice Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
365	297	Royal	W J Rainey	New York, N.Y.
60	.....	Sackett	H R Sackett Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
378	378	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
260	260	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	20	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
310	310	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	80	Sunshine No. 2	Lodone-Giuliani Coal & Coke Co.	Masontown
400	400	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Thompson No. 3	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
320	319	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
384	339	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
84	.....	Virgie	Byrne Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
600	600	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
500	420	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
76	76	Wineland	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
60	60	Winmore	Wineland-Gilmore Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
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If earnings during the current month equal those of April, the total net earnings during the second quarter of this year will be a little in excess of $67,000,000 which will establish a new high record in quarterly earnings.

Drilling Contests.

Miners of Cripple Creek, Leadville and other Colorado towns on the Fourth of July and other holidays hold contests in stone drilling. There is great rivalry among the miners to see who can pound a drill through a granite block in the quickest time.

German Iron Output.

The output of pig iron in Germany during April was 1,073,706 tons against an output of 1,114,194 tons in May and a production of 937,678 tons in April last year.

VAST RUSSIAN ORDERS

Are Placed in This Country for Wire and Steel Rails.

Following closely upon the announcement that a $50,000,000 credit had been arranged with Russia, well defined reports are heard in the steel trade that that country has closed for 200,000 tons of wire, a large number of freight cars and another tremendous tonnage of steel rails in this country.

One railmaker is said to have taken an order estimated from 150,000 to 175,000 tons, for Russian account. It is known that the Russian railroad authorities recently asked for quotations and delivery data on 350,000 tons of rails in a single inquiry.

These orders follow closely upon the decision reached at a conference of Russian government officials to construct a railroad system of 25,000 miles in the empire within the next five years.

Italy Buying Steel.

Italian steel interests in the last two weeks have placed contracts for about 40,000 tons of steel-making iron with American blast furnace interests, and are still actively negotiating for 20,000 tons additional.

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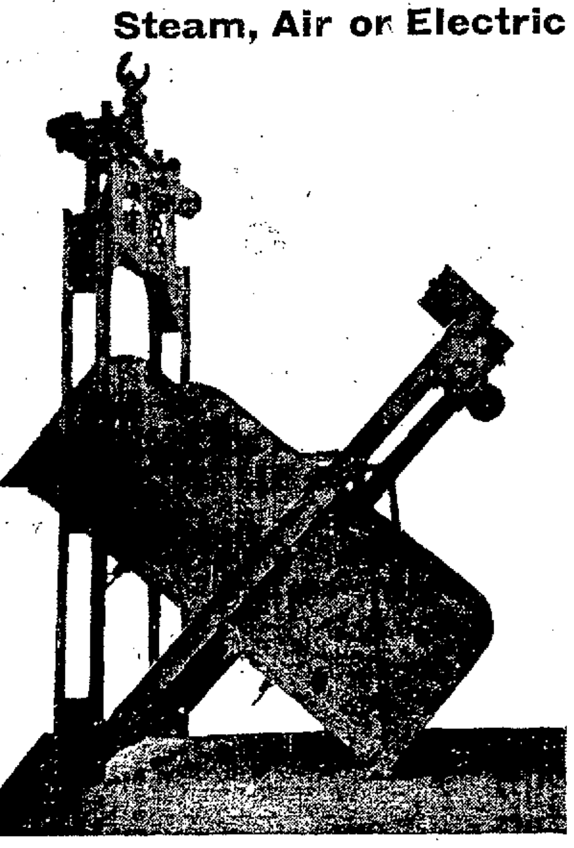
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MAKING COKE AND CITIZENS.

The Connellsville coke region which has long been recognized as the first producer of coke of the finest quality in the world is receiving no less deserving recognition as the inventor and applier to mining practises of the principles of Safety First and Human Welfare While many other coal mining regions have been content to center all activity and energy upon securing large output or low cost of production without thought or effort to improve the living conditions and home surroundings of their employes the Connellsville region has not allowed the steady perfection of its mining methods to interfere with or hinder the systematic development of all those agencies which have promoted a better, happier and more useful citizenship among their employes As indicating the importance which the world at large attaches to these distinguishing characteristics of the Connellsville coke region as a mining center the Pittsburg Gazette Times makes these observations

The announcement from Fayette county that nine independent coal and coke operators will unite in supporting a mine rescue station at Orient the coke town nearest the center of their field simply emphasizes the welfare spirit that is predominant in the Connellsville region Probably there was nothing in the industrial world to compare with a typical coke yard neighborhood for hopeless desolation sordid grime and hot stifling air before the H C Frick Coke Company got its welfare work under way The mill districts of Pittsburg were noisier more distracting perhaps but for downright terribleness of physical aspect the acres of smoke from fire belching beehive ovens flanked by rows of company houses struck a note distinct and peculiarly forlorn

Today the district offers a new a smiling face. Compared with 15 years ago it blossoms like the rose Instead of ugliness there is beauty, instead of poverty there is thrift, instead of dejection there is hope. Squalor disease drunkenness illiteracy violence, even anarchy were some of the things brought into the region by the hordes of alien laborers when the mines were opened and the ovens built. The welfare workers and superintendents of the works were face to face with lifting a sunken people a people without knowledge of hygiene or right living into a higher plane and doing it at once. It is a tribute to the faith of these hardy supers that the work is so well along as to be known as a success.

A sturdy public school system plodding along under a meager income dealing with children whose very language was strange is stamping out illiteracy In place of the little red school house of 25 years ago there is the 10 or 12 roomed graded school standing on the hillside above the coke ovens, a beacon of hope to the toilers below How the school districts have met the leaping expense from a much more slowly increasing tax fund would make an interesting story and yet the teachers are well paid of a high grade and contented

Barring the public school and church influences the company has gone it alone How was it done? How could the army of foreign labor be affected by the ideals of Americanism in such a short time? With baseball grounds laid out at each works financial encouragement for the teams, swimming pools equipped playgrounds safety, first and first aid teams with contests at intervals brass bands and orchestras dancing pavilions and encouragement for the social life of each community Prizes are awarded every year to the man having the neatest and prettiest flower garden at his home and to the one having the best vegetable patch The neatest dwelling with white washed fences and buildings in good repair also wins a gold prize By encouraging and not restricting by helping and not oppressing the company has evolved a community unique sufficient unto itself a good place to live Bleak hillsides once barren are now covered with small farms owned or rented for the most part by coke workers who have saved enough to branch out. The atmosphere is no longer stifling It is stimulating

The independent operators those outside the United States Steel Corporation are not lagging in welfare work as the announcement of their intention to pool their contribution to a rescue station shows The independents are doing all they can to better the condition of their workers in the same way the Frick company has done

There aren't any hyphens in the coke region.

In the Connellsville coke region a progressive undiluted Americanism pervades the relationship of operators and employes that has set an example to the industrial world generally

GRADE CROSSINGS.

The Pennsylvania Public Service Commission is engaged upon an investigation at this time which should prove fruitful of good results It is having a survey made of the grade crossings in the state with a view to devising plans for their elimination Whatever these plans may be their general adoption will entail a large expense This will of necessity fall primarily upon the railroads and the townships or municipalities in which the crossings are located If however, the saving of human life is assured by such expenditure the amount of expense however large will be justified.

The railroads have made every effort to impress upon the minds of the traveling public the dangers of grade crossings but the indifference with which warnings are received and the manner in which they are disregarded in spite of the fatal consequences which so often follow make it plain that nothing short of complete elimination will solve the problem So long as the crossings are allowed to remain just so long will incautious and foolhardy persons take chances in beating trains over them with the usual ratio of fatalities

Automobiles having come into such general use crossing dangers have multiplied in proportion largely because autocar drivers are inclined to take greater risks than drivers of horse-drawn vehicles ever did. Both have offended so persistently that drastic measures are demanded to prevent a further needless loss of human life.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The Woman Suffrage issue has been practically eliminated from the national political contest by the fact that the declarations of the two national conventions concerning it are practically the same They are as follows

REPUBLICAN

The Republican party reaffirming its faith in government of the people, by the people for the people as a measure of justice to one half the adult people of this country favors the extension of the suffrage to women but recognizes the right of each state to settle this question for itself

DEMOCRATIC

We recommend the extension of the franchise to the women of the country by the states upon the same terms as to men

This plank was the only one which caused any serious kick in the Democratic National Convention against the White House Steam Roller which worked without ceasing without mercy and without protest until the platform was brought in at the hour of adjournment The objection to the plank came not from the Suffrage adherents but from old line Democrats who seized the opportunity to demand the passage of a specific declaration in favor of the doctrine of State Rights and it was only after a great deal of acrimonious debate and decided uproar that the matter was passed through as written Even then it required a positive order from the White House to settle it This administration is strictly Democratic but it poses as Progressive and is even now piping the Bull Moose

There will be a first class Steam Roller for sale on easy terms after the election Apply at the White House

THE HUGHES HUMOR.

Candidate Hughes is accused of being of chilly manners frosty disposition and utter inability to appreciate a joke The Democrats find themselves hard put for criticism However it must be confessed that Hughes is human, and the following story is told to prove it

John P Gavit managing editor of the New York Evening Post on May 18 wrote to Mr Hughes offering him a commission to report the Republican and Democratic national conventions for a syndicate of newspapers He thought that the then associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States would in the capacity of a newspaper correspondent have the opportunity to express himself regarding various matters and persons with a candor not quite practicable in your judicial capacity and that like William Jennings Bryan some time Secretary of State of the United States, Mr Hughes would have a grand chance * * * to earn traveling expenses both ways and possibly a little to spare.

To this invitation Justice Hughes responded as follows

At last my secret ambition is laid bare For many weary years I have longed to be a newspaper correspondent and say a few things But my talent for up to date virile philosophical prophetical cinematographical correspondence has been unrecognized and an exigency after another has compelled me to make other arrangements I am now under contract for work relatively unimportant which however will detain me during the time the convention is held

The Hughes humor may not be as boisterous as some others but there's no doubting its existence

ETERNAL VERITIES IN DOUBT.

In this age of the printing press oratory is all but dead To all intents and purposes it is only sustained by William Jennings Bryan Wooda Carr and John Wesley Wescott of New Jersey In his speech nominating President Wilson the latter said

Prophecy is fulfilled The eternal verities of righteousness have prevailed Undismayed by the calamities of war unmoved by vituperation and vain declamation holding to the pure altar of truth the schoolmaster is statesman the statesman financier the financier emancipator the emancipator pacificator the pacificator the moral leader of Democracy

And the Jersey orator proceeds to prove it He declares that four year ago with boundless resources the nation was not at work commerce languished industry halted men were idle all because the country struggled in the toils of an inadequate financial system Credit was at the mercy of piracy Panic hung like a cloud over the business world All this has been changed since the Democratic administration took charge of the country and passed certain financial legislation

We do not recall that the condition of business was so serious in 1912 There was some complaint about the high cost of living which the Democrats promised to remedy by reducing the Tariff The Underwood law became effective in October 1913 Up to that hour business was good but with the advent of the Democratic Tariff the mills and mines began to close down and prosperity fled like a shadow until midsummer found the country in a state of panic with upwards of 75% of its labor unemployed

The eternal verities of righteousness may have prevailed but not quite in the manner or from the causes mentioned by John Wesley Wescott and we are consequently inclined to doubt all the other things he said about Thomas Woodrow Wilson

BY-PRODUCT VALUES

The erection of large numbers of by-product coke ovens is beginning to be disturbing to established values of all kinds beginning with the prices of coal and the freight rates on the same and concluding with the by products themselves and their prices The European war is keeping the latter up but when hostilities cease there will be a drop

In the meantime it has been discovered by some interests erecting by-product ovens in Ohio that the coal of that state will not make good coke in by-product ovens any more than any other kind of ovens The builders of the ovens are coming back to the Connellsville region for their coal and the freight rate has become a consideration

When we were boys arithmetic examples running into millions and billions were regarded as of no practical importance Later we began to count our business in millions and now Europe is counting her war debt in billions

BAITING THE GERMANS.

It is a very debatable question whether the Democrats will get anywhere in the present campaign through their efforts to make a pro-German out of Hughes President Wilson has tabooed attacks upon the Republican party for going to the Supreme Court for its candidate That was too flimsy for an issue Hughes was nominated for President not because of his presence on the bench but in spite of it He won a place of high esteem among members of his party on the strength of his achievements in public life before donning the ermine

The fact that Hughes is acceptable to voters of German descent will not handicap his candidacy It will indicate a genuine neutrality in the White House if he is elected His candidacy if it is endorsed by this element, will certainly meet cordial response with those serious minded persons who have viewed with uneasiness the pronounced pro British spirit that has been apparent in Washington since the war began

Are the Democrats making a cheap bid for the support of the big financial interests who have tried so diligently to run Wall Street's interests are certainly not pro German so if Democratic campaign arguments are to be taken seriously it must be assumed that the Money Devil so often roundly abused by the Democracy has gone over to the enemy The Democrats cannot make Hughes pro-German and the candidate of the plutocrats in the same campaign.

The Courier does not believe the efforts to discredit Hughes because of the support given him by those of German descent will avail the Wilson ticket Rather it will focus attention on the fact that the Wilson administration has not been strictly neutral Flagrant violations of international law on the part of Great Britain and her allies were virtually ignored until public sentiment forced the administration to enter a protest first feeble and later somewhat stronger

There has not been an instant since the war began that the administration was not in a position to force the recognition of American rights by Great Britain The mere threat of an embargo against the exports of war munitions would have brought the Allies to their knees This powerful weapon in the hands of the administration has been persistently ignored Only war or the threat of it could bring recognition from Germany peaceful means would have insured instant respect from the Allies yet in the face of this the administration has permitted American mails to be seized and searched American commerce to be checked and throttled American rights to be flagrantly ignored and trampled upon

The Wilson administration has had one code for Germany and another for the Allies It has not been neutral It has been flagrantly pro Ally Regardless of their individual sympathies the American people want the good faith of this nation to be above suspicion Much has been printed as to the activities of German agents in this country How much more could be said of the secret influence Great Britain has had with the administration cannot be learned The censorship a Washington established by the Wilson cabinet is too complete

Charles Evans Hughes is an undiluted American Efforts to discredit his candidacy because the support of those of German descent will avail naught. Such campaign methods deserve a stinging rebuke An issue of race prejudice does not deserve serious consideration in such a land as this

THE FLAG DAY SPIRIT.

To say nothing of the wholesome spirit of patriotism which the observance of Flag Day in Connellsville inspired the occasion was noteworthy from another point of view

The success of the demonstration in point of numbers participating in it and the enthusiasm and hearty good will with which the preparations were entered upon and carried out were encouraging signs of the growth of that kind of community spirit which does things under the inspiration of a get together disposition rather than allows things to go undone because of the comforting thought that the other fellow will do them

The celebration served well the purpose of its conception by affording an opportunity for the spontaneous expression of genuine patriotism and it served no less excellently to show what the community can do and how quickly when public spirit is properly stirred up and energetically directed

One Flag Day in the year may be enough upon which to do honor to the birth of our national ensign but we cannot have too many days upon which the spirit of the Flag Day celebration should be made manifest in our civic life

CONGRATULATIONS.

We desire to congratulate Mr Henry P Snyder for having finally attained a long-cherished ambition The memory of Colonel William Crawford will not die says our esteemed contemporary the Connellsville News

The memory of Colonel William Crawford is amply preserved in the pages of American history but the erection of the proposed memorial of granite and bronze in one of Connellsville's public places will serve as a silent teacher of endless patience and endurance of the great lesson of patriotism taught by his public services and private sacrifice

We desire to congratulate The News upon its recognition of this fact and to express the hope that long after we have passed away it will continue on proper occasions to preach the sermon in stone which the Crawford memorial will furnish to stimulate the patriotism of Connellsville's coming generations

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's improvements at Connellsville are about to begin The Pennsylvania is one of the greatest railroad corporations in the country Its management is credited with being farseeing It believes in the future of Connellsville and is preparing for it in a manner most substantial The fact is a valuable advertisement for this community and should be properly appreciated

Tammany will be on speaking terms with the President in this campaign

Abe Martin.

Prof Alex Tansey's new problem play Th Slaves o Catarrah has been bought by a Eastern manager an th problem is t git th royalty

Tilford Moots wuz over to th poor farm yisterday t see a ole friend o his that used t publish a paper that pleased everbuddy

Uncle Niles Turner is now nearly a hundred an four years ole an never reported a conductor an wuz born in Lancaster county Pennsylvania

Miss Fawn Lippincut appeared before th Art Embroidery club t'day an read a paper on How t Hold a Husband's Love Thru th Rhubarb Season

A prominent Indianapolis society leader has been doin her own housework fer two days without nobuddy knowin th difference—if ther is any

Tilford Moots is tryin t git a house built accordin t specifications an has called out th County fer troops

Food for thought is th only cheap thing on th market

Pinkey Kerr is workin in some calliope music an th notes er as big as croquet balls

Th best way t git along with a wife is t put her on a salary

A stranger called fer fire liver at th Little Gem resturant Yisterday

Brooms are gettin so high it hardly pays t sweep

(Protected by George Matthew Adams)

Pittsburg

By GEORGE FITCH.
Author of At Good Old Siwash

Pittsburg is a coal black metropolis with gilt trimmings and inhabited by joy riders on the steel tariff

Over 600,000 people live in Pittsburg and several hundred millionaires scattered around the world live on it Pittsburg makes most of the steel for the universe and has steel mills instead of cabbage patches for suburbs Ten ship loads of iron ore are mixed with ten trainloads of coal every day and the result is a ring of permanent volcanoes around the city When these are in full blast they form a Great Red Way of which Pittsburg is much prouder than New York of her tea White Way As a matter of fact Pittsburg's Red Way is largely responsible for New York's White Way A millionaire fully equipped is turned out of her steel mills every time the sun sets and a Pittsburg millionaire goes into trouble in New York every time the sun rises

Pittsburg is located in the Western part of Pennsylvania where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers join and boil their combined names down into the Ohio Originally Pittsburg had an annex called Allegheny City which was a sort of front doors without a postoffice railroad station or theatre But it fell with the example of its steel trust and benevolently assimilated its rival thus becoming the eighth city in

Andrew Carnegie and Hans Wagner are Pittsburg's two greatest citizens

size in the country It climbs the steel hills from the river banks in all directions and has made their summits bristle with twenty story buildings It is well built but poorly ventilated and on damp cloudy days looks like the inside of a cistern with the lid on

Pittsburg has more banks than any city in the world A Pittsburg man who isn't a bank director is as lonely as a Boston man whose great great great grandfather isn't buried in the old Granery cemetery The banks in Pittsburg have driven the drug stores and saloons from all the good corners in the town

Andrew Carnegie and Hans Wagner are Pittsburg's two greatest citizens and are very kind to their home town Carnegie is always building a technical school or a library or a music hall and Wagner is continually publishing a home run just to show that he is still in the running

CHAIRMAN McCORMICK

The Barefoot Boys are in the saddle once more The Presidential primary pretty nearly put them out but the selection of Vance McCormick as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee will bring them back The national chairman is a national figure in politics He is looked up to Even at home where the honor of the prophet is at a minimum the political power of the national chairman has not lost anything under modern conditions The chairman is something of a dictator

The selection of Vance McCormick for the position was doubtless due to the influence of A Mitchell Palmer with the administration but it must be admitted that the selection is a good one McCormick is in the prime of life and political experience He is well equipped for the position He has plenty of time to devote to it and if needy some money a fact which was perhaps not wholly overlooked

After buying an automobile for recreation the average man is sometimes surprised to learn that there are just 178 places where he must oil and grease her at frequent intervals

Vance McCormick hates corruption says the Connellsville News commenting on his selection as Chairman of the National Democratic Committee If this the matter stands they have handed Vance the wrong job Give it to Bruce Sterling and hand Vance a pair of Model 42 Wings

A THREATENED TIE-UP.

The failure of the railroad managers and the representatives of the trainmen's brotherhoods to reach an amicable settlement of the 8 hour day and the wage contentions does not mean that a strike must or will inevitably follow but it is admitted that the present situation holds all the possibilities incident to a long and bitter test of strength and resources

Both parties to this controversy have an obligation to the public which they cannot hold lightly much less disregard altogether Whatever the grievances of the parties the public will not regard them of such a kind or of such a degree of importance that a paralysis of business which would ensue from a strike is justifiable in an attempt to enforce a settlement A strike is the last resort of labor to enforce its demands and is frequently the first action taken by that interest The railroad trainmen however are composed of more conservative men and led by wiser counsels than most labor organizations The order to take a strike vote does not mean that a strike will result The matter of settlement has not been taken out of the hands of the negotiators

Candor compels the statement that the conference just closed has not been characterized by any evidences of a desire to offer great sacrifices on either side to effect a settlement yet some such compromise seems necessary since the differences between the employers and the employed are very great It might be added that they are also to the lay mind very complicated which goes a long way toward explaining the difficulties of settlement

However these conditions are familiar to railroad managers and trainmen if they are rather involved to the outsider and it is the present duty of the former to put their hearts as well as their heads to the work of effecting a settlement and avoiding the calamities of a tie up

THE GARBAGE PROBLEM

The experience which many of the smaller cities and towns are accumulating in their attempts to solve the garbage problem plainly indicates that the trend of opinion among those who have gained the most knowledge and given the most thought to the subject is that the eventual solution lies more certainly within the functions of the municipalities than it does through private enterprise

Because every citizen is not imbued with the proper degree of civic pride and public spiritedness it has become necessary for municipalities to make provision for cleaning the streets and removing the accumulations For the same reasons it is becoming more and more apparent that the collection and removal of garbage must be handled by the same means The Johnstown Democrat is convinced that this is the only effective method Discussing the subject it says

Municipalities can if they want to go on the theory that disposing of garbage is a private matter that it is up to the individual to see to it that refuse is carted away If the municipality takes that view some garbage cans will never be empty while others will never be permitted to get full Some folks will see that the garbage man calls regularly while others will never feel called upon to avail themselves of the garbage collector's services

If the disposition of garbage could by any possibility be classed as an individual problem there would be some justification for the view that the municipality should keep hands off But garbage can is no more a matter of individual concern than a smallpox epidemic Garbage can odors are not confined to narrow limits Disease germs that thrive in refuse are no respecters of persons The garbage question is a public question The disposition of garbage is quite as much a public matter as the disposition of sewage For that reason municipalities that rely wholly upon private enterprise in the matter of removing garbage are distinctly behind the times

Connellsville is having its second experience with the private contract method of garbage collection hence ly The Democrat's judgment is behind the times But Connellsville is willing as we doubt not Johnstown also is to adopt a better and up to the times method when it has been devised and its success assured

Justice Hughes informal acceptance of the Republican nomination for President was dictated to a crowd of 4 newspaper correspondents who insisted upon an expression of opinion right off the bat The result It could not have been stronger Undiluted Americanism is happy in its allusions and sound in its conclusions Candidate Hughes is always prepared He believes in Preparedness

The Monongahela miners may strike until the cows come home but they won't hurt the feelings of the surrounding coal operators

A Somerset veteran who survived Gettysburg by a scratch was killed in a motor car ride a few days ago aged 76 Few men know what fate has in store for them

Double column editorials don't go any further than any other kind unless they have something more than wide space and black type behind them

Many good citizens who firmly believe in being intrenched in the Preparedness movement are willing to do the bossing while the other fellow digs the trench

Considering the size and condition of our army and navy the attitude of some of our statesmen is that of a man with two wooden legs running around with a chip on his shoulder

The law against publishing lottery information does not apply to weather news

In reading the war news it is hard to tell whether a miscellaneous collection of letters is a typographical error or the name of a town

The Presidential term is a lost issue in the Democratic Platform of 1916

The Fayette county courts didn't adjourn for the national conventions and refuses to wait three more months to hear Untermyer's argument The argument may be good but the court indicates that Sam will have to brief it The Fayette county court has a right opinion of itself which encourages other people to respect it

William E Crow persists in being a farmer as well as a lawyer and a political leader and what's more he is a successful farmer not an agriculturist

The old proposition that two can live as cheap as one is an economic illusion

Democratic orators have discovered that Hughes declared in 1912 against Supreme Court justices entering politics Perhaps he did It was the right thing to do Justice Hughes never entered politics while he was on the bench It is a matter of record that he carefully removed his judicial robe and sent it back to President Wilson before he accepted the Republican nomination Before that time he had not been in politics He had been as far away from them as he could get

Pennsylvania motorists will pay $22,000 for the privilege of being tagged this year

A Mitchell Palmer is credited with writing the Democratic Tariff plank He ought to have consulted Bruce Sterling late of Masontown the Klondike coke center Palmer may know something about the working of the Tariff in the mills but Bruce knows all about its workings in the mines

It's the old ticket but not the Old Guard

The Mellon banking interest is financing by product coking on a large scale The Mellons are firm believers in coke The founder of the house financed young Henry Frick when he first started out to develop the Connellsville coke region

Fayette county has lost one of its bloodhounds and mathematicians are trying to figure out the efficiency of the one left on the job

The Chain Gang are the links which put worth into worthlessness

Every now and then the Uniontown Standard declares that somebody insults the intelligence of the people We don't know anybody who does it quite as often as the Uniontown Standard itself

The fireless sparkler is open to suspicion It has caused too many fires and burned too many people It cannot be trusted

The Frick veterans are preparing for another annual picnic The picnics are very enjoyable but they are tinged with sadness They are beginning to recall the passing of men prominent in the coke business

With the right building code and proper fire protection the rates of Connellsville insurance ought to be sufficiently reduced to make up the cost to the citizens

The Titanic widows are finding consolation

The Uniontown Standard tells its readers that it printed a vigorous editorial on the Republican party demoralized and decadent, and that the Philadelphia North American publishes a very clever parallel Now we know who is Vigorous and who is just plain Clever

The national platforms are models of condensation this year They were evidently framed by people who appreciate the truth of the adage Brevity is the soul of wit.

The Connellsville News has passed from its political ownership into the hands of its editor and business manager according to an announcement made yesterday We welcome Editor Thompson to the ranks of the publishers and trust the new management of The News divested of its entangling alliances will pass upon the highway of prosperity and peace

The coke production of 1915 increased 20% but is still five million tons short of that of 1913 nine months of which was under the Republican Tariff law

Military Preparedness might stage a fine race to the border

A further rise in the price of pig iron is predicted The price of coke is not entirely happy

The many clergymen who oppose Preparedness will come in handy when a lot of funerals occur owing to our lack of military training

The rain descends upon the just as well as the unjust but neither seem to have ordered it in such liberal quantities

The second Russian drive evidently had greater preparedness behind it

President Wilson is grateful but Tom Marshall is plain happy

The Democratic organs are trying to get Hughes in Dutch 'Tis a large contract

The Republican Steam Roller of 1912 was a baby buggy compared with the real jolter employed at Saint Louis

In the absence of American merchant marine and the scarcity of foreign bottoms to carry coal through the Panama Canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast the Government has asked for bids for delivery by rail Delivery by rail ought to give a decided advantage to the Colorado mines if they compete for the business

The organization of military companies by social clubs is becoming popular but the wisdom of this law is doubtful

Bryan has announced himself as the Democratic candidate for President in 1920 He is the Peerless Loser and it will be his turn to lose He is the Democracy's perennial candidate blooming early and late with a heart for any fate but bearing not at all

If Betsy Ross could have come to Connellsville on Flag Day she would have been proud of her job but peering over her spectacles she would also have asked Where's your Crawford monument?

The next term of court will last from September to Christmas and summer vacation is still in the dim distance However the Fayette county lawyers have become accustomed to work again Some of them always were poor and the others are no longer troubled about how to spend their incomes.

The spectacle of the Democratic Ass trying to pipe the Progressive Bull Moose is enough to bring brine from a stone

In the weather talk just now there is a great deal of comment on Nature's compensations but Nature has no compensation for the girl who has trusted herself abroad in all her glad garments only to be soaked into the sartorial ruin

The Prohibitioners offer to take the Progressives in but the Progressives don't want to be taken in They stand for principles more stable than water

Cars condemned to the graveyard are now stripped of all available timber Until very recently that was the last thing the wreckers thought of saving Wood is getting to be almost as valuable as iron

Looking Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier

FRIDAY JUNE 25 1886

Of the 10,832 ovens in the coke region 10,054 are in blast and 778 idle. The shipments average 97 cars distributed as follows West of Pittsburg 535 cars East of Connellsville 210 cars Pittsburg and rivers 247 The Syndicate ships 71 cars and the outside producers 241 cars The Syndicate reports sales of 334,963 tons in May at an average price of $1 30

The Republican county convention nominates F M Fuller and John R Byrne for the legislature R F Hopwood for district attorney Joseph O Miller for sheriff and Dr T H White for coroner J M Reid is re elected county chairman and H F Detwiler secretary

The Democratic county committee elects A. D Boyd chairman and L. H. Frasher secretary

Professor Edward Heffley a graduate of the Cincinnati Musical College and a pupil of Xaver Scharwenko Berlin Germany for three years opens a studio in the Buttermore building on Main street

Worth Kilpatrick is granted a patent for a railway sleeper and chair

The court decides that George Washington Foust cannot live in New Haven and serve as deputy constable of Dawson at the same time

New Haven council decides to macadamize Ferry street with furnace cinder from the bridge to the Peemickey depot.

Charles F Hood takes the management of Newmyer's opera house and promises a line of high class attractions

The project to build a railroad from Fairchance to Morgantown is revived

Ben P ovins of Masontown claims to have caught the largest perch ever taken from the Monongahela river, in the stomach of which he found the hand and wrist of a man

The death warrant is read to Mike Metz convicted of the murder of his cousin in Springhill township

FRIDAY JUNE 26 1896

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending June 20 shows a total of 17,047 ovens in the region of which 10,336 are in blast and 6,711 idle, with an estimated production of 107,370 tons a decrease of 400 tons from the previous week

Shipments for the week aggregated 5,941 cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg 1,960 cars to points West 3,012 cars to points East 969 cars an increase of 42 cars over the previous week

There is a further slump in the coke trade 700 ovens being blown out

The Carnegie Steel Company begins the construction of two steel cars as an experiment

Samuel Davidson the New Haven merchant is held up on the road to Scottdale and robbed of his watch and $11 in cash

George F Long and Abe Cohen have a spirited and lengthy dispute over the ownership of a French poodle which ends in two suits for larceny Long first brings action against Cohen for having appropriated the animal After a hearing before Justice Echard the suit is dismissed. Long seizes the dog and takes it home Cohen in turn hales Long before Justice Berger on a charge of larceny which is determined by requiring Long to enter bail for appearance at court he meantime retaining possession of the dog

The will of Peter Solsson devises all of his property to his widow during her life time or so long as she remains unmarried

John A Esser who retires from the superintendency of Leisenring No 1 plant to become general manager of the Virginia Coal & Iron Company at Big Stone Gap Va is presented with a gold watch and chain by his former employes H L Kurtz makes the presentation speech

The report that the Connellsville shops of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad are to be removed is officially denied

Thomas Lynch general superintendent of the H C Frick Coke Company and his son Clay sail for an extended tour of England and continental Europe

Mine Inspector Bernard Callaghan advocates the general adoption of mining machines in the mines of the Pittsburg district

The Courier urges Connellsvillians to patronize the home Building & Loan Associations in preference to the foreign institutions of this class

James Glenn Inning and Miss Mary Ellen Nee are married in Immaculate Conception Church by Rev Francis McCourt

The Corn Exchange help Cyrus Echard to celebrate his 49th birthday The occasion bubbled over with good feeling

The Dennis Club puts on mourning when James W Howard goes to Philadelphia to stay a month or longer on a big electrical wiring contract.

C S Freed of Dunbar township harvests a fine crop unusually early June peaches

The deaths of the week include John Schindler of Francis avenue aged 64 John Brown Sr of New Haven aged 70 and Peter Blasey of New Haven, aged 22 years

FRIDAY JUNE 29 1906

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ending June 23 shows a total of 33,341 ovens in the region of which 31,218 are in blast and 2073 idle with an estimated production of 271,023 tons practically the same as the previous week

Shipments for the week aggregated 14,774 cars consigned as follows To Pittsburg 4,854 cars to points West 8,034 cars to points East 1,890 cars, an increase of 4 cars over the previous week

At the meeting of the Democratic county committee W D McGinnis is chosen as one of the delegates to the state convention and all are instructed to follow the lead of Colonel James Guffey in his campaign to deliver the party from the dominance of Lewis Emery Jr and his lieutenants John Lester Keffer delivers one of his philippics urging fusion with the Lincoln Republicans in order to defeat the so called Penrose slate Cook McKean made a hot speech in support of Keffer and assailed the Democratic state leaders and accused them of having accepted graft money from the followers of Penrose Judge R. E. Umbel is vaguely hinted at as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor At the meeting of the state convention the Guffey forces go down to defeat early in the proceedings Emery being nominated for governor by a large majority

The New Haven Board of Health organizes with Dr G W Gallagher president and J C Long, secretary

Max C Wiant graduates from the ministerial course at Bucknell University with high honors and the winner of two prizes

The Davidson homestead on Apple street is sold by Mrs Jean H. Davidson to the Wallace Furniture Company for $7,500

Among the deaths of the week are Frank B Reid aged 27 and John Davidson Jr aged 49 years

Burgess S F Nelson denies the right of the New Haven council to lay restrictions on carnivals and issues license for the appearance of one.

A wave of torrid weather sweeps the country The thermometer registers 90 in the shade Wheat is ripening fast and farmers are planning to have it harvested before the Fourth

A labor famine is beginning to be felt in the coke region A long run of six days a week has caused many foreigners to take a rest by a trip to their native land hence the shortage in men

Dr Claude D Anderson sells his dental practice to Dr Milton Brooks of Uniontown

HOW SAFETY FIRST IS NOW PROVIDED FOR LOCOMOTIVES

Shown by Interesting Exhibit on Government's Special Train.

INSPECTION DIVISION'S WORK

Is Very Systematic and Thorough and Has Resulted in Many Improvements the Most Noteworthy of Which is the Reduction of 85% in Fatalities

When the United States Government Safety First Special train visits Connellsville, as it is expected within the next week, the exhibit illustrating the work of the locomotive inspection service will be of interest to all who travel by railroad, but more especially to railroad men actively engaged in operating locomotives. In this work the Government supervises from a "safety first" standpoint the condition of some 68,000 locomotives in the United States, which furnishes a striking example of the interest being taken in the nationwide movement toward the promotion of safety.

The exhibit includes a complete working model of a locomotive, which is used to illustrate various defective conditions which the law aims to remedy, two complete boilers which can be fired and are used to show circulation of water, and other interesting facts, sectional models of various locomotive appurtenances and numerous samples of failed material which have caused accidents.

The division of locomotive inspection comprises a chief inspector, two assistant chief inspectors, with an adequate office force, located in Washington, and a field force of 50 inspectors in the classified service and selected from a long list of eligibles who passed a rigid examination demonstrating their qualifications and fitness.

Under the requirements of the law and a code of rules approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, locomotive boilers and their appurtenances at regular intervals are inspected and tested to determine their condition. Inspections are required before each trip, a regular inspection once each month, and application of hydrostatic test and certain other work once each year. It would, of course, be impossible for the limited force of 50 inspectors to personally inspect the 68,000 locomotives. This responsibility the law places upon the carriers operating the locomotives. To insure its proper performance, a sworn report is required, showing the conditions found and repairs made at the time of each monthly and annual inspection. This report must bear the approval of the foreman or officer in charge and must be filed with the Federal inspector in charge of the district where the locomotive is operating. After the Federal inspector has examined and recorded the reports they are forwarded to the office of the chief inspector, where they are placed on permanent file.

In addition to this supervision over the inspection work required of carriers, the Federal inspector makes such personal inspection of locomotives in his district as his other duties permit. During the last fiscal year 74,000 locomotives were personally inspected by the Government. During the first fiscal year 74,234 locomotives were inspected by the Government, 6,968 of which were either held out of service for repairs or changed and strengthened to conform to the requirements of the law, or permanently removed from service. When the defects found are of a character so serious as to render the locomotive unsafe to operate, the Federal inspector is required to serve upon the company a written order withholding the locomotive from service until proper repairs are made.

The most convincing evidence, however, of the improvement brought about by the law is the marked reduction in the number of accidents. Whenever the failure of any of the equipment covered by the law results in serious personal injury or death, the carrier operating the locomotive is required to report the fact by wire to the chief inspector in Washington, who has prompt and proper investigation made. With the information thus obtained the division takes necessary action to remedy conditions or practices with a view of preventing similar accidents.

During the first year of the operation of the law 85 accidents due to failure of locomotive boilers or their appurtenances were reported, the casualties amounting to 91 deaths and 1,005 cases of personal injury. The records for the last fiscal year show there were only 424 such accidents, resulting in 13 deaths and 467 injuries, which represents a decrease in three years of 50 per cent in the number of accidents, 85 per cent. in the number of fatalities, and 53 per cent. in the personal injuries.

Recognizing the benefits derived from Federal supervision of inspection of locomotive boilers and their appurtenances, Congress extended the jurisdiction of the locomotive inspection service to cover the entire locomotive and tender, so that it now oversees all work in connection with the inspection and repair of any part or appurtenance of steam locomotives and tenders operated by carriers engaged in moving interstate commerce.

FIGURE ON FENCE.

Alumni Association is Ascertaining Cost of Enclosing Fayette Field.

A committee from the Alumni Association of the High School is ascertaining the cost of fencing Fayette Field. When estimates are received steps will be taken to raise funds for the project.

It is planned to get the field enclosed by the time the football season opens in September.

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CAN'T COMPEL SCHOOL BOARD TO LAY CONCRETE SIDEWALK

Code Exempts District From Liability, But It May Voluntarily Comply With Notice.

The Connellsville School Board was included in the long list of property-owners upon whom council proposes to serve notice to lay sidewalks. The board was singled out because of bad walks in front of the high school and no walks at all in front of some of the other buildings. Investigation, however, shows that the school code exempts school districts from the cost of improvements of this character, though the boards may share in the cost if they desire.

The provision of the code reads:

"All school property owned by any school district, real and personal, that is occupied and used for public school, recreation or any other purposes provided for by this act, shall be and hereby is made exempt from every kind of state, county, city, borough, township or other tax, as well as from all costs or expense of paying, curbing sidewalk, sewers or other municipal improvements." A proviso tacked on the end permits school districts to share in this cost, if they so desire.

School Board will, in all likelihood, take some steps toward improving the walks in front of its buildings; but from the wording of the code, it is apparent that if the city should lay the walks, it could not collect for the cost if the board choose to take advantage of the exemption allowed by the law.

The list of sidewalks to be replaced by the city's orders is being revised by Engineer S. M. Foust. In the meantime, no notices have been sent out.

ATTACK RECEIVERSHIP

Council for Mrs. Kremer Would Execute Thompson Judgment.

UNIONTOWN, June 20.—For two hours in court today Attorney C. A. Tuit and H. S. Dumbauld argued before Judge J. Q. Swearingen that Mrs. Elizabeth Kremer, of Uniontown, who possesses a judgment against Josiah V. Thompson for $3,700 with interest and costs, should be permitted to intervene and upset the receivership of the coal man. Mr. Thompson's estate is valued at more than $70,000,000, and more than 98 per cent of his unsecured creditors with claims aggregating more than $13,000,000 have deposited their claims with three depositories of the Thompson Creditors Committee.

No argument was presented to the court by Attorney W. J. Sturgis, counsel for the receivers of Mr. Thompson. He stated that he would file a brief. The briefs of Attorneys Dumbauld and Tuit also will be filed within a short time, it was stated. Samuel Untermyer, of New York, counsel for the Thompson Creditors Committee, and John M. Freeman, Mr. Thompson's counsel, were unable to be here today as was explained to the court yesterday.

BAD FOR FARMERS

Too Much Rain and Not Enough Help, Their Plaint.

The farmers are having a hard time of it this year. Between too much rain and not enough help, they find life a hard row to hoe. For the past couple of weeks it has been virtually impossible to work any of their crops on account of the repeated showers. Fields are mostly mud, and wet mud, at that. Weeds are flourishing.

Farm labor is scarce. In this neighborhood most of the farmers are doing all their own work, having no outside help other than that in their own families. With the coke plants and the coal mines running full, there is no surplus labor for the farmer, who cannot afford to pay the price that men can earn in other lines of endeavor.

MALTA OUTING

Western Pennsylvania Knights Will Picnic at Kennywood July 22.

The annual outing and field day of the Knights of Malta of Western Pennsylvania will be held at Kennywood Park on Saturday, July 22. Over 28,000 persons attended the outing last year and an even greater crowd is expected on this occasion. The feature of the day will be the review and drill of the Uniformed Knights. Sports, games, and the amusements of the park will be indulged in. Members of the order expect to have a great time.

The local commandery expects to attend in force, and officers are making plans for the outing now.

LAYING SIDEWALKS.

Apple Street Property Owners Get to Work Early.

Prompt attention to council's instructions to lay sidewalks on Apple street, between Mountain alley and Prospect street, was given by residents there, a force of men being at work today on the south side walks.

Property owners along this street are eager for the paving and they propose to lay their sidewalks at once so that the improvement may not be held up.

Get Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued at Uniontown yesterday to Albert Johnson of Vanderbilt and Anna Marks of Bliner; Vittorio Coppotelli and Francesca Marra, both of Scottdale; Giovanna Diandina, Brakesville, W. Va., and Maria Michela Caligiuro, Connellsville; John A. Nygren and Mary B. Hair, both of Dunbar township.

Hero's Brother Enlists.

PITTSBURG, June 20.—Among the young men enlisted at the navy recruiting office here today was Richard E. DeLowry, the 17 year old brother of Francis DeLowry, who was killed when Vera Cruz was occupied by American forces in April, 1914.

Norwegians Go Through.

A train load of Norwegian immigrants went through on the Baltimore & Ohio this morning. The special train only stopped for several minutes. The Norwegians are on their way to Chicago and other western points.

DISPUTE OVER A RECEIVERSHIP IS AIRED IN COURT

Indian Head Coal and Mining Company Resists Creditors' Action.

WITNESSES TAKE THE STAND

Secretary Testifies That Charles F. Hood Filled in the Checks, Being Manager, Though Not a Stockholder; President Given Two Shares Free.

Special to The Courier.

UNIONTOWN, June 20.—To determine whether the receivership of the Indian Head Coal & Mining Company shall stand, a hearing is being held in common pleas court today before Judge J. Q Van Swearingen. Attorney S. R. Goldsmith of Connellsville was appointed receiver of this concern last December on petition of the Westmoreland Grocery Company, the Connellsville Machine & Car Company, the Connellsville Machine & Car Supply Company, the Connellsville Connellsville Iron Works C. F. Bonsor Company and the Uniontown Grocery Company. It was alleged by the petitioners for a receiver that the affairs of the company had been fraudulently managed, with the intent of placing the assets out of reach of its bonafide creditors.

Miss Catherine A. Steganius, secretary and treasurer of the company, was called to the first witness today. She identified the minute book of the company and a large number of checks.

"I didn't fill the checks in. I merely signed them. Mr. Hood filled them in as manager, for the payment of bills," Miss Steganius testified.

It was testified that Charles F. Hood was manager of the company, although he held no stock in the concern.

It is alleged by the plaintiff that Mrs. Maria L. Hood, wife of Charles F. Hood, is the owner of a greater part of the capital stock of the company, and that no consideration ever has been received by the company for the stock held by her. Charles D. Schell, president of the company, testified that he owns two shares of stock which were given to him without consideration by Charles F. Hood.

Testimony was introduced to show that the property of the company, consisting of its mine property in Saltlick township, had been mortgaged to Mrs. Maria L. Hood, and the personal property of the company had been purchased by her at a tax sale. It is claimed by the plaintiffs that Mrs. Hood has purchased and holds to her personal use the claims of the various laborers in and about the mines "with intent thereby to acquire a further preference against the assets of the defendant corporation and its bona fide creditors."

Witnesses called yesterday were Charles D. Schell, president; Miss Catherine A. Steganius, secretary and treasurer; I. F. Vanatta and Samuel F. Hood, directors, and E. T. Norton, cashier of the First National Bank of Connellsville.

Property of the company was mortgaged to Mrs. Maria L. Hood, wife of Charles F. Hood, in November, 1914, and Cashier Norton testified that at that time Mrs. Hood had guaranteed notes of the Indian Head Coal & Mining Co. in his bank aggregating about $6,200. He said that Mrs. Hood made a declaration that she was taking the mortgage for the protection of the bank and other creditors of the company.

Mrs. Maria L. Hood was subpoenaed to appear at the hearing yesterday, but her husband produced a physician's certificate that she was unable to attend court.

WAR CLOSES COURT CASE.

Because Lieutenant John L. Robinson of Company D was called to mobilize with his command for Mexican service, the proceedings in equity on the receivership of the Indian Head Coal & Mining Company were suddenly halted yesterday and the hearings discontinued until "after the war."

Attorney Robinson represented the creditors who asked for the appointment of a receiver for the company.

NEW WALK AND A CLOCK

Federal Building Soon to Have Several Needed Refinements.

A new brick driveway and a clock for the lobby are to be early improvements to the federal building, according to C. P. Sullivan; government building inspector, who was in the city yesterday investigating recommendations recently made by Postmaster W. D. McGinnis.

Mr. Sullivan announced that he will recommend a new brick drive to replace the present cement road, which cannot be kept clean and sanitary.

There is a round hole in the fixtures of the lobby of the postoffice in which it was originally planned to place a clock. Bids on a timepiece have been asked from local jewelers. They are to be submitted by June 24.

The hole is now used by the general public as a means of mailing parcel post packages after the windows have closed. The night clerks often find the floor under the opening covered with packages deposited after closing hours in the evenings.

Rorke Sells Property.

A deed transferring the property of Michael J. Rorke in Hempfield township to James B. McDermott of Hannahstown, was placed on record in the Greensburg courts Thursday. The consideration named was $10,000.

After Big Industry.

The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce is working strenuously to formulate a plan whereby the Kelly-Springfield Tire Company may be induced to locate its big factory in that city.

New Library Books

The following is a list of new books received at the Carnegie Free Library:

When Mother Lets Us Carpenter—Adams.
Purple Peanuts—Barbour.
Adventures of Buster Bear, and Adventures of Old Mr. Toad—Burgess.
The Girl From the Big Horn Country—Chase.
Cyntra—Deland.
Little Pierre and Big Peter—Ide.
Boy Kings and Girl Queens—Marshall.
First Base Faulkner—Matthewson.
The Steadfast Princess—Meige.
Child's Book of English Biography—Stimpson.
The Ocean and Its Mysteries—Verrill.
Some new copies of old favorites:
Harper's Out Door Book For Boys—Adams.
Eight Cousins and Little Women—Alcott.
Adventures of Jimmy Brown—Alden.
Pinocchio Under the Sea—Chiesa.
Hans Brinker—Dodge.
Water Babies—Kingsley.
Toby Tyler—Otis.
Arkansas Bear—Paine.
Five Little Peppers Grown Up—Sidney.
Arabella and Arminta—Smith.
For the younger children.
Tommy Tinker's Book and Twilight Town—Blaisdell.
Adventures of Mr. Mocker and Mother West Wind's Neighbors—Burgess.
Overall Boys and Sunbonnet Babies Primer—Grover.
Little Plays For Little People—Noyes.
Snow Baby—Peary.
Japanese Fairy Tales—Williston.
New fiction:
Crimson Gardenia—Beach.
John Bogardus—Chamberlain.
Drusilla With a Million—Cooper.
Daughter of the Storage—Howells.
The Tunnel—Kellerman.
The Blind Man's Eyes—MacHarg.
Her Husband's Purse—Martin.
The Twister Skein—Paine.
The Belfry—Sinclair.
Gibby of Clamshell Alley—Van Dresser.
Son of the Otter—Van Schaick.
The Rudder—Watts.
God's Puppets—White.

YOUTH PROBABLY FATALLY HURT WHEN SHOT BY AN UNCLE

Chase for Rats in Corn Crib at Alverton Has Serious Consequences.

SCOTTDALE, June 21.—While shooting rats in a corn crib, David R. Baer of Alverton, 14 years old, was accidentally wounded by his uncle, Benjamin Baer, and is in a critical condition at the Memorial Hospital in Mount Pleasant. His recovery is not expected.

Both David and his uncle took flobert rifles last evening and went after the rats which had been particularly numerous about the place. In the excitement of rat chasing the pair become separated. The uncle saw a rodent and fired quickly. As he did so, David stepped in the path of the bullet.

The boy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baer, residents of Alverton. He was a favorite in the community over which the tragedy has cast a gloom. At the hospital it was found that the bullet had penetrated both the stomach and intestines, and that serious consequences are feared.

OPENS HEADQUARTERS

Vance McCormick Prepares to Open the Wilson Campaign.

NEW YORK, June 20.—National Democratic headquarters were established here today and plans laid for the campaign for the re-election of Woodrow Wilson.

Vance McCormick, the new national chairman, arrived from Washington and after a conference with party leaders announced that he would return to confer with President Wilson in Washington tonight. He will place before the President the names of 11 men said to have been tentatively selected as probable members of the campaign committee.

MISSIONS TO THE JEWS.

Pittsburg Officials of Society Visit Connellsville Yesterday.

Rev. Maurice Ruben, superintendent, and Rev. Armin A. Holzer, field secretary, of the New Covenant Mission to the Jews, of Pittsburg, were in the city Sunday in the interests of the work in which they are engaged.

Rev. Holzer preached in the Baptist Church in the morning and addressed the Men's Christian Workers' League at the Christian Church in the afternoon. Rev. Ruben preached in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the evening.

Fayette Boy Heads Airship Division.

Captain Virginius Clark a graduate of West Point and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Clark, of Uniontown, has been assigned by the War Department to the superintendency of the airship division of the regular army.

Will Name Teachers July 1.

At a meeting of the Perry township school board to be held Saturday afternoon, July 1, teachers for the ensuing term will be elected and contracts for supplies will be let.

Mayor Gets New Car.

Mayor Rockwell Marietta has purchased a 1917 Grant Six touring car from the Bishop & Stilwell agency. It will be delivered in two weeks and His Honor will drive it himself.

Out on Crutches.

Albert Long of Johnston avenue, who was severely injured at the DeHaven Coal & Coke Company operation some months ago, is now able to be about on crutches.

Cumberland Ambitions.

A movement is being started in Cumberland to raise a fund of $100,000 a year for seven and a half years to bring a $3,000,000 industry to that city.

KEYSTONE STATE EXPECTS EARLY CALL TO BORDER

Prediction of Congressman as to Efficiency of Troops Comes True.

GENERAL FUNSTON WANTS THEM

Great Activity About Washington; New Cadets for West Point and Annapolis Expected to be Named Shortly; Hopwood Makes Appointments.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Bearing out statements which appeared recently in The Courier by Representatives Crago and Temple to the effect that the Pennsylvania National Guard was one of the most efficient and best organized in the United States, is the report which has reached here from San Antonio that the Pennsylvania militia probably will be one of the first called on by Major General Funston for services on the Mexican border. At the time the Texas, Arizona and New Mexico state militias were called out recently, Representative Temple made the assertion that the Keystone State guard could have been mobilized, taken the long trip and been in active duty on the border before the militias of the three states which were ordered out at that time. Army officers acknowledge that the Pennsylvania National Guard is in as good condition as any in the country, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio and Illinois also taking high rank.

Representative Hopwood announced today that he had just appointed to West Point Norman C. Stitler of Somerset, who will enter the military academy in the near future, provided he passes his physical examination on July 10. He will not be required to take another mental test, as he passed the examination for admission last year when he was named by Mr. Hopwood as an alternate for the place. At that time Gordon R. Baer, now a cadet at West Point, took the examination as principal, and has completed his first year. During the past year young Stitler has been attending the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hopwood also announced that he had designated a candidate for admission to the naval academy at Annapolis, the fortunate young man in this case being Fred C. Williams of Uniontown, who has just come on to do some preparatory work before taking his examinations on June 27.

It is possible that Mr. Hopwood and some of the other members of Congress as well, may have other appointments to make in the near future, and young men in some sections already are being advised by their Congressmen to get ready for possible appointments. On account of the shortage of regular army officers, it was learned at the War Department, the officers who ordinarily would graduate from West Point in June, 1917, may be needed in service in the near future and graduated now. These men, about 140 in number, probably would be used as militia and recruiting instructors. In case they should not be sufficient it is also proposed that the cadet class which would graduate in 1918, be given leave from the academy to perform such service as they would be already capable of doing. It was said that there is ample precedent for such action, although it was admitted that it was not desirable and probably would not be taken unless there seemed to be a real necessity therefor. But if this is done, it would make room at West Point for more students there, and there probably would be a number of extra appointments to be divided up among the members of Congress.

Washington today assumed more of a martial air; it appeared more like a war capital than it has for a long time past, not excepting the inauguration days and other periods when numerous military organizations and their accompanying bands are here. The District National Guard was the occasion for this military atmosphere today. It was prepared to start for its mobilization point on the southern bank of the historic Potomac, the place selected for its temporary camping ground being at Radio, Virginia, near Fort Myer and the big Arlington wireless station with its three towering structures. Early in the day there was activity around the armories where the militia of the District makes its headquarters, and they were lining up ready to start off shortly after the noon hour and expected to be in their encampment and under cover by nightfall.

Injured in Mine.

Fred Bidy of Dunbar, 34 years old, employed by the Etna Coal & Coke Company, was caught by a fall of slate, suffering a fracture of the right leg. He was admitted to the Uniontown Hospital.

Invited to Shoot.

Members of the Connellsville Gun Club have received invitations to participate in a shoot to be held Wednesday, June 21, by the Masontown Gun Club. The shoot will begin at 10 A. M.

Heads Chautauqua Association.

Rev. J. P. Allison, formerly pastor of the Christian Church of Connellsville, but now of Waynesburg, has been made president of the Chautauqua Association of that place.

Goes With Distillery.

Vincent Flynn of the West Side has secured a position as bookkeeper and stenographer for the Hamburger Distilling Company at Brownsville.

Teachers' Examination.

County Superintendent of Schools J. S. Carroll will conduct a teachers' examination in the high school auditorium on Saturday of this week.

Marry in Cumberland.

Joseph Patterson and Josephine Craig, both of Uniontown, were granted a license to wed in Cumberland yesterday.

AID FOR FAMILIES OF THE SOLDIERS URGED BY E. DUNN

Civil War Veteran Declares Dependents Should be Provided for by the County.

Financial aid for the family of any member of Company D who is likely to suffer through the loss of wages caused by being called into service is proposed by Captain E. Dunn, who declares that a committee of relief should be organized here. Captain Dunn asserts that relief measures should be county-wide, Company D being the only military organization Fayette is sending o the border.

"A committee should be organized and receive from Captain Herwick a roster of the company," Captain Dunn said today, "showing the financial circumstances of every member. If there is one whose family is likely to suffer through loss of his wages, he should be properly protected. Not a young man should leave Connellsville to fight for the flag without knowing that those dependent upon him are well cared for.

"The matter should be taken up with the county authorities, whose co-operation it should not be difficult to obtain. Company D is a Fayette county organization. Several of its members are from Uniontown and other communities. Fayette county should do her part."

Improvements Held Up.

Extensive improvements now under way at the Dawson Driving Park in preparation for the Fayette County Fair in September have been held up by the almost continual rain.

New Rural Service.

Rural delivery, three times weekly, over what is to be known as Route 2, from the Dunbar postoffice, has been authorized by the postal department to begin August 1.

The Grim Reaper

MISS MARY ELLEN DAVIS.

Miss Mary Ellen Davis, 32 years old, a teacher in the Connellsville public schools for the past 12 years, and one of the best known young women of this vicinity, died Sunday morning at 12.25 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. George A. Sour, at East End. Her death was not unexpected. Last January she was taken ill and at first it was thought she was a victim of a severe case of grip. Later more alarming symptoms developed and she was removed to the home of her sister, Mrs. Sour, and had been confined to her bed since. At the time of her death she was semi-conscious. Funeral from the Sour residence tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock and at 2 o'clock from the Mount Olive Church, with Rev. Wilbur Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. The church choir will sing. Interment at Mount Olive.

Miss Davis was born in Bullskin township and spent most of her girlhood days there. She was a daughter of James G. Davis, deceased, and Mrs. D. A. Stevens of Meyer. After leaving Bullskin township Miss Davis spent the greater part of her life in Connellsville. She was graduated from the Bullskin township schools and afterwards began teaching school. Prior to being elected a member of the teaching faculty of the city schools, she taught three terms in Bullskin township. She attended summer assemblys at Ebensburg and New York City. During her connection with the public school she taught in the West Side and last term was one of the departmental teachers in the grammar school. Deceased was an active member of the First Baptist Church, a member of the Young Ladies Mission Guild and a teacher in the beginners department. She was highly esteemed by her wide circle of friends. In addition to her mother, Mrs. D. A. Stevens of Meyer she is survived by two teacher sisters, Mrs. George A. Sour of East End; Miss Delilah Davis of Connellsville, and the following brothers: Jay Davis of Poular Grove; Irvin Davis of Irwin; Isaac Davis of Monarch; Elmer Davis of Youngwood; Harry and Jacob Davis at home.

MRS. MARY E. DOWNS.

Mrs. Mary E. Downs, 62 years old, wife of J. Allen Downs, formerly of Connellsville, died Sunday afternoon at her home at East Liberty following an illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Downs had been in poor health for the past several months and early Sunday morning she contracted penumonia which proved fatal several hours later. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Dickerson Run Union cemetery. Mrs. Downs was twice married. Her first husband, John H. Burton, died in August, 1914, and early last September she was married in Pittsburg to Allen Downs of Connellsville. Mrs. Downs had spent the greater part of her life at East Liberty and was well and favorably known in that vicinity. In addition to her husband she is survived by two stepsons, Clyde W. Downs of Connellsville; W. B. Downs of Dunbar stownship, and one half brother, Attorney Charles Strong of New York City. Ernest Burton, a son to Mrs. Downs' first marriage, was killed in a railroad wreck several years ago. Deceased was a niece of Silas Rosselle of Pittsburg; J. F. Strong of Smock; Mrs. Elizabeth Rosselle of Vanderbilt, and a cousin of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed of Pittsburg.

MRS. JACOB RICHTER.

Mrs. Jacob Richter, a former well known resident of Dawson, died Saturday at her home near New Salem. The body will be brought to Dawson and will be removed by Funeral Director W. H. Parkhill to the home of a brother of the deceased, Grover King, in Lower Tyrone township. Deceased was a daughter of Jacob King of near Dawson, a veteran of the Civil War, and was well known in and about Dawson.

MRS. CYNTHIA A. MILLER.

Mrs. Cynthia A. Miller, 80 years old, widow of Johnathan Miller, died Sunday of hemorrhages at the home of her son, A. R. Miller at Republic. Mrs. Miller was the mother of the late J. P. K. Miller of Scottdale. She spent the greater part of her life at Berkeley Springs, W. Va. Of late she had made her home in Martinsburg, W. Va., but has spent the past winter with her sons and daughters.

Three sons, A. R. Miller, superintendent of the Republic Iron & Steel Company at Republic; Robert B. Miller of Bluestone, W. Va.; J. W. Miller of Clarksburg, W. Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Hettie A. Bogert and Mrs. L. W. Byers of Martinsburg, W. Va., survive. Funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at Martinsburg.

MRS. MARY SEVENIEK.

Mrs. Mary Seveniek, 20 years old, died last Friday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Kametz at Brookvale following a lingering illness. Deceased was a member of St. John's Slavish Catholic Church in the West Side and of the Catholic Union No. 45. In addition to her mother she is survived by two sisters, Veronica and Susie Kametz and three brothers, John, Paul and Steve Kametz, all at home.

MATTHEW KINNICK.

Matthew Kinnick, 28 years old, died Wednesday at his home at Vanderbilt. Funeral tomorrow with interment in the Greek cemetery. Deceased was a son of Joseph and Mary Kinnick and in addition to his parents is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Steve, Joseph and John Kinnick, Mrs. John Hauza, Mrs. Charles Malinac and Miss Helen Kinnick.

WILLIAM HOWE.

William Howe, a veteran of the Civil War and an uncle of Mrs. J. M. Cecil of South Connellsville, died on June 13 at his home in Pittsburg. Mr. Howe frequently visited at the Cecil home. Mrs. Cecil went to Pittsburg this morning to attend the funeral. Services will be held this evening from the family residence. Private interment tomorrow morning.

MRS. MARY MACZKO.

The body of Mary Maczko, 64, who died at the home of her son, Peter, at Toronto, O., on Saturday, was brought to Connellsville Wednesday and removed to the home of another son, Michael, at Leisenring. The funeral was held at 10.30 o'clock this morning with services conducted by Rev. Alex Dzuby of the Greek Catholic Church.

Mrs. Maczko leaves the following children: Michael, Leisenring; Peter, Toronto, O.; William, Homestead; Joseph, a student for the priesthood in Austro-Hungary; Mrs. Sophie Karaffa, Juniata, and Julia, Connellsville.

WASHINGTON HUEY.

Washington Huey, aged 74, of Dunbar township, died Monday at the home of his brother, William Huey, on Limestone Hill. He will be buried from his brother's home on Wednesday. The interment will take place in Chestnut Hill cemetery, and Rev. J. S. Showers of the United Brethren Church will officiate.

ANNIE L. HIXENBAUGH.

Miss Annie L. Hixenbaugh, better known as "Aunt Annie" died at her home in Perryopolis Monday afternoon, aged 66 years. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Deceased had lived all her life in Perryopolis and was among the best known women in the town. Funeral from her home Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment in Mount Washington cemetery. Rev. W. J. Law will officiate.

EDNA MAY HARTMAN.

Edna May Hartman, four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs Charles Hartman of Smithfield, died on Sunday evening. This was the second death in the family within the last 10 months, another child having passed away on September 15, 1915.

CITY COUNCIL HAS HARD TIME FINDING PLACE FOR TRUCK

Committee as Yet Makes No Decision on East Side Side Fire House.

PRICE QUESTION IS SERIOUS

Lots of Fine Sites, But Council is Not Able to Spend Big Sum; Superintendent of Public Safety Pryce Says It Won't Stand Out in Rain.

The committee of City Council appointed to look up a site for a new central fire station is encountering unusual difficulties. Sites that are not prohibitive in price are badly located and those that have the advantage of good location are held at too high a figure for the city's finances.

The fire station must be near the center of the city, on the east side of the river and not separated from the business section by a railroad. To fill these requirements with only limited finances will be a hard job. A site which had been considered by Director of Public Safety M. B. Pryce as reasonable in price and well located was the Brown property on Fairview avenue, opposite the Fourth ward school. This, however, was recently purchased by William Dull, who, it is understood, will build a residence thereon. Unless Mr. Dull will resell to the city, this site is eliminated.

The Frisbee lot on Apple street is well located but the price is said to be prohibitive. On Peach street there are several sites which could be had reasonably, but the fire station should be on the business district side of the railroad; otherwise the firemen's progress might be stopped by a train when time was very precious.

There are several sites on East Main street, but the prices are too high for council to consider. There is nothing at all between Pittsburg street and the bridge that could be obtained for less than a small fortune.

Asked what the committee proposed to do, Director Pryce stated: "Oh, we'll get a place for the new truck. It won't stand out in the rain; you can depend on that."

REV. GOODNIGHT TAKES A FLING AT THE MODERN HYMNS

Speaker at C. E. Convention Takes Offense at Lively Airs by the Choir.

NOT FOR REVIVALS, EITHER

Successful Gathering of County Workers Comes to a Close; Floyd M. Seamans of Uniontown New President; Various Committees Named.

The county Christian Endeavor convention came to a close Friday night with a session in the Christian Church, the principal feature of which was an address by Rev. Cloyd Goodnight, pastor of the Christian Church at Uniontown. Mr. Goodnight spoke on the efficient church, defining its needs. He said in part:

"The church today needs a program reaching out across the ages with the great idea of the propagation of the faith. The church must also strive for social improvement, and to do this it must have business vision and business efficiency.

"The effective church must be devout, wide-awake, and intelligent. It must save souls, and it must be a missionary church. In developing such a church Christian Endeavorers are a great help."

Rev. Goodnight is a forceful and interesting speaker; but his remarks last night became rather personal. While speaking about the devout church, he turned to the choir, which had just finished its musical service, and launched into an extravagant tirade against modern hymns.

"I'll tell you musicians frankly, I am disgusted with your music. You can sing your little ditties, but give me hymns of sense. I like quiet, dignified, worshipful service, and the two-step stuff you have been singing at this convention is not to my taste."

The audience did not seem to agree with Rev. Goodnight's sentiments, for immediately he had finished, one of the choir members, undaunted by his criticism, sang a solo, which was greeted with unstinted applause.

He also aired his dislike for the commercial evangelists, whose "stunts" he does not like. Toward the close of the address, he recurred to the subject of church music, by denouncing the church which pays an organist $275 a year and gives only $100 for foreign missions.

The remainder of the evening program was well carried out. Rev. J. L. Proudfit presided and Rev. J. H. Lambertson conducted the devotional service. The congregational singing was led by Lee Hoover and several special musical numbers were introduced. These included a quartet number by Lee Hoover, Lester Crawford, R. O. Clabaugh and C. D. Bailey, and solos by W. F. Brooks and Lester Crawford.

Officers for the year were elected at the afternoon session. Floyd M. Seaman of the Third Presbyterian society at Uniontown, was chosen president. C. W. Greenwood of Dunbar, former president, was shifted to the position of counsellor. The other officers follow: First vice president, W. E. Hutson, Uniontown; second vice president, Carroll V. Snader, Connellsville; third vice president, Ben S. Davis, South Brownsville; secretary, Pearl McKnight, Uniontown; treasurer, Harry Williams, Uniontown; junior superintendent, Helen Meese, South Brownsville; missionary superintendent, Grace Baird, Brownsville; good citizenship and lookout committee chairman, Lee G. Hoover, Connellsville; intermediate superintendent, J. A. Glenn, Uniontown. These officers were installed last night by Rev. Goodnight.

E. C. Cornish of Uniontown, was boosting the Harrisburg Christian Endeavor convention, which begins July 11, at the afternoon session. A committee, consisting of Mr. Cornish, B. G. Zinn of Brownsville, and Harry Rastofsky of Connellsville, was appointed to make arrangements for the trip. A big delegation from Fayette county is expected to attend. Miss Anna Cunningham spoke on "C. E. Prison Work," at the afternoon session.

The new constitution of the Union was adopted yesterday.

Practically all the out-of-town delegates have left Connellsville. Attendance at every session was large, considering the weather, and the convention was a big success.

RIFLE CLUB FORMED

Maccabees Have Applied for Charter and Will Hold Weekly Drills.

At a meeting of the Maccabees held in the lodge rooms Friday it was decided to ask the supreme lodge for a charter to form a military company and rifle company. The formation of the company has been talked of for some time and enough men have been secured to make it possible to apply for a charter.

The company will be drilled by J. P. Trader once each week in the Maccabee building. The men will be uniformed and will have a complete outfit similar to that of a regular army. The rifles will be furnished by the government.

This is the first rifle club that has been formed in this section.

B. & O. CHANGES

Storekeeper Sutton Goes to Newark; Chief Clerk Goes Up.

G. C. Sutton, storekeeper for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has been transferred to Newark, O., and his chief clerk, W. E. Downing, has been promoted to storekeeper here.

Carson Paine of the West Side, who has been a clerk for the company, has been made chief clerk. Mr. Paine is a son of R. S. Paine of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly of Connellsville.

Have You Coal Land for Sale?
If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

CONFLUENCE MAN KILLS HIMSELF; ILL LONG TIME

O. F. McKee, 48 Years Old, Makes Noose of Strap and Ends Life; Body Found in Cellar.

Despondent because of ill health, O. F. McKee, 48 years old, of Confluence, hanged himself in the cellar of his home some time Friday night. His body was recovered next morning, when the children missed him. It was hanging from a beam in the cellar. U. M. Phillippi, a neighbor, found the man, having been aroused when McKee's children became alarmed at his absence.

Mrs. McKee had not been at home during the night and it is not known at what time McKee went to the cellar. He had been hanging for several hours was the verdict of a physician.

McKee was well known in Confluence, having lived there for 15 years. He was a pop manufacturer. For the past two months his health had been failing him and it is thought that despondency over it was the cause of his action.

He is survived by his widow and four children, three boys and one girl. They are Frank, 22 years, Carl 19 years, Finley, 5 years, and Josephine, 20 years, all at home. Mrs. McKee was before her marriage Miss Allie Frederick. W. F. Frederick of Uniontown is her brother.

CONTINUOUS COURT

Sessions Will Last From September Until Christmas.

UNIONTOWN, June 17.—Beginning next September 4, the courts of Fayette county will be in continuous session with both Judges J. Q. Van Swearingen and E. H. Reppert on the bench until Christmas. This became known today when an order of court was sent to the office of Prothonotary George M. Rathmell calling for the extension of the September term of court for 11 weeks.

The September term of quarter sessions court opens September 4 and continues for two weeks. Immediately at its close common pleas court will open for 11 weeks of civil trials, extending to December 2. On the Monday following the close of the extended September term, the December term of quarter sessions court will open for a two week's session.

Orders were sent by the court to Sheriff Thomas L. Howard and Jury Commissioners George A. Hackney and Joseph Harford to draw and summons 65 veniremen of traverse jury service for each of the 11 weeks of common pleas court.

The sheriff and jury commissioners will summons 1,083 veniremen for jury service for the remaining juries of this year. The 11 weeks of common pleas trials will require 715 veniremen for traverse jury service and 180 veniremen for petit jury service will be required and 24 grand jurymen at each of the September and December terms of quarter sessions court.

AUTO CLUB ORGANIZED

Confluence Motorists Start Out With Membership of 50.

The Confluence Automobile Club organized Friday with 50 members enrolled at the first session. The meeting was very successful and the members enthusiastic. The officers elected were Dr. C. W. Frantz, president; Wilbur Davis, vice president; Hal Hostetler, secretary; E. R. Beggs, treasurer. The above officers, with D. W. Miller, Milton Goller, Dr. H. P. Meyers, Earl Critchfield and E. R. Bender will constitute the board of governors.

The club is going after good roads and proposes to raise a fund which with an equal amount from the state will go to improve the highway from Confluence to Addison meeting the National Pike.

George A. Munson, president of the Connellsville Automobile Club, was present at the meeting. To Mr. Munson is due much of the credit for getting the Confluence automobilists together and forming such a promising organization.

AUTO CRASH FATAL

Peter Knepp, Whose Machine Was Hit by Train, Dies of Injuries.

Peter Knepp, the aged Meyersdale resident who was severely injured when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a freight train at that town Wednesday evening, died at 4 o'clock Thursday morning from the effect of his injuries. His daughter Cora, who was driving the car when the accident occurred, is still suffering from severe internal injuries.

Mr. Knepp was 74 years old. He was a retired farmer and a Civil War veteran, having been so badly wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, that he was lame for the rest of his life. He leaves the following children:

David, Henry, Mrs. Catherine Moser, Bellefonte, Pa.; Norman, Ellerslie, Md.; William, Mrs. John Mathias, Matilda and Cora, all of Meyersdale.

LAUREL HILL W. C. T. U.

Officers Are Elected at Meeting Held With Mrs. Dunn.

Mrs. George Dunn entertained the Laurel Hill W. C. T. U. Wednesday afternoon at her home. The business session was presided over by Rev. J. B. Reed. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Margaret Roderick; vice presidents, Mrs. Maggie Bryson, Mrs. C. H. Beerbower and Miss Sallie Inks; secretary, Mrs. Ella Bryson; treasurer, Miss Ethel Gilchrist; program committee, Mrs. Gilchrist and Miss Bessie Smith, music committee, Miss Kate Junk, Mrs. Ida Harris, Bertha June; dinner committee, Mrs. Alla Gilleland and Miss Kate Junk. It was also decided to hold a picnic early in July.

County Superintendent Home.

John S. Carroll of Dunbar, county superintendent of schools, arrived home from Stroudsburg, Pa., where he assisted in conducting examinations at the State Normal for State Normal diplomas.

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DIVORCE DECREES PART FOUR PAIRS IN THIS SECTION

Husband in Each Instance Petitions for Severance of Martial Ties.

SOME SENSATIONAL CHARGES

Smithfield Man Alleges His Wife Ran Off With Another Man and Is Now Living With His Nephew; Layton Husband Alleges He Was Deserted.

UNIONTOWN, June 19.—Four mismated couples were freed of the irksome bonds of matrimony by divorce decrees granted by the court this morning. In each case the husband was the petitioner.

David N. Carson, a well known resident of Layton, was divorced from Buena V. Carson of Los Angeles, California on the grounds of desertion. They were married on August 22, 1898 at Kingwood, W. Va., and she is alleged to have deserted her husband on March 29, 1902. Mr. Carson was an applicant for a hotel license at Banning at the last term of court.

Burnie Brown of Smithfield, was granted a divorce from Anna Brown. They were married October 15, 1902 at Uniontown and Burnie alleges that his wife left him with one John Turnbull and that she is now living with James Wood, a nephew of her husband. One of the witnesses testified that Mrs. Brown admitted that Harris Norman, a negro, was the father of her child.

Jacob M. Garland of Wick Haven, was granted a divorce from Lizzie H. Garland of Atlantic Works, Westmoreland county. They were married March 28, 1895 at Weaver's Old Stand. Joe Wurtz and David Donague were named as correspondents. A witness testified that Mrs. Garland told her "Jake was too slow."

Charles Benka of Dunbar township, was divorced from his wife, Mary Benka of Everson on the grounds of desertion. Judge Van Swearingen on May 9 refused this decree but permitted additional testimony to show desertion to be taken and the decree was handed down today. They were married in April, 1911.

Mrs. Ethel Kane of Wooddale, began proceedings today for a divorce from William F. Kane, of Bridgeport, Westmoreland county. They were married September 4, 1915 at Scottdale. Mrs. Kane alleges that last Wednesday her husband attempted to kill her.

CROW HEADS BREEDERS

Senator Chairman of New Branch of Fayette Farm Bureau.

At a meeting of nearly 100 Fayette county stock breeders at Uniontown on Saturday, Senator W. E. Crow of Uniontown was elected chairman of a newly formed live stock committee to work in conjunction with the Fayette County Farm Bureau in promoting better stock in this section.

There will be five departments of the new committee, horse breeding, hog breeding, sheep breeding, beef cattle breeding and dairy cattle breeding. Each of them chose three members to compose the executive committee. They are:

Horses, Louis Gray, Uniontown; Otto Hustead, Uniontown, and John Blaney, Smock. Hogs, C. R. Cox, East Millsboro; J. W. Arnold, Vanderbilt, and R. H. Cornish, Uniontown. Sheep, William E. Crow, Uniontown; James C. Stuckslager, Fayette City, and William B. Swearingen, Uniontown. Beef cattle, William L. Wood, Fayette City; Edward Baird, Adah, and W. J. Stewart, Brownsville. Dairy cattle, Springer Craig, Uniontown; Espey Linn, Vanderbilt, and E. L. Boyd, Connellsville.

PLANNING HILL CLIMB

July 20 is the Date Set for Event This Year.

According to announcement made in Uniontown on Saturday, the annual hill climb to the Summit, in which speed kings from all over the country participate, will be held on July 20. The National Pike will be again converted into a private speedway, parking places will be fenced off and other preparations made to handle a large crowd at so much per individual or car.

The committee in charge is composed of C. W. Johnson, F. A. Close, R. M. Campbell, H. D. Hutchinson and George B. Smith, representing the Uniontown Automobile association, assisted by F. H. Roshoro as representative of the American Automobile association.

It is reported that a number of famous auto drivers will participate. There will be three events for automobiles and one for motorcycles and the purse will be greater by at least $1,000 than ever before.

GIVEN SURPRISE PARTY

Birthday of Aged Confluence Woman is Well Remembered.

The members of the regular Baptist Church tendered Mrs. Minder, a well known resident of Confluence, a surprise party Friday afternoon at her home in Odin street. The affair was in honor of her seventy-second birthday anniversary and was a great success. Among the guests was N. B. Critchfield, former secretary of agriculture, a school companion and a life-long friend of Mrs. Minder. Mr. Critchfield gave an interesting talk, followed by a prayer. Mrs. James R. Brown, who is in her eighty-eighth year, and a remarkably active woman for one of her advanced age, was also among the guests. The afternoon was delightfully spent at various amusements.

Dies in Uniontown.

Miss Jane Sutton, 19 years old, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Grimes Sutton, died Saturday at her home in Uniontown.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL SITE IS VISITED BY VIEWERS

Condemnation Proceedings are Progressing at Instance of the School Board.

The new high school site was viewed on Monday by County Viewers W. H. Blaus of Fayette City, J. V. E. Ellis of Uniontown, and F. D. Munson of this city. The property owners who could not come to terms with the board were present and explained the merits of their cases to the viewers. W. H. Soisson and his lawyer, J. R. Cray of Uniontown, W. R. Showman, and George B. Freed, the owners of the condemned sites, and school board members were on the grounds. The hearings will take place in Uniontown about the middle of July.

The first view was on the W. H. Soisson property at 10 o'clock. Mr. Soisson asked $10,500 for his vacant lot when the board sought to purchase it from him, some weeks ago. The second view was on Mr. Showman's corner lot, for which he asked $13,500 from the school board. At 2 o'clock on Monday, the viewers went over the George B. Freed property. Mr. Freed first asked $7,500 and school board offered $6,000. Later he is said to have boosted the price to $8,000.

BOY DROPS DEAD

Albert Baxley, 12 Years Old, Dies Suddenly Saturday Afternoon.

Albert Baxley, 12 years old, the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Baxley of Moyer, dropped dead on Saturday afternoon in the yard of his home. The boy attended the Parochial school at Scottdale, Friday, and apparently was in his usual health. Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock he left his home to go to the home of his grandmother at Sherrick station after his shoes and stockings which he had left there Friday afternoon. A short time later his mother went into the yard and found him dead. A doctor was immediately summoned and it was discovered that death was due to heart trouble.

The youth and his sister were adopted some time ago by Mr. and Mrs. Baxley. Their parents are both living, his mother arriving here this morning from Cheat Haven to attend the funeral which was held this afternoon from the family residence. Interment in St. John's cemetery at Scottdale.

GET A DESERTER

Smithfield Officers Unwittingly Apprehend a U. S. Army Man.

Smithfield officers unknowingly arrested a United States army member who has escaped from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., when they picked up Orville Eddy, alias Orville Dennison, last week. Officers Turner and Arrison arrested Eddy at the home of a family named Anderson. Eddy had given a girl there $17 of his money to keep, telling her that for all he knew the officers were robbers. He was prevented from giving her two memorandum books and in one of these the constables found an entry giving the date of the man's enlistment in the army and the time of his discharge from a military prison.

One of the officers had a picture of a man wanted by the government for escaping from the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., prison, and when he compared it with Eddy it was found to be his photograph. A reward of $100 was offered for the deserter.

READY TO START

Bell-Boekel Company Has Two Wagons on Ground at Pennsville.

The Bell-Boekel Company of Altoona, which recently received contracts to build a number of new county roads, has two wagons and a wagon-load of other material at Pennsville. With this tremendous equipment on hand, work on the new road is not likely to be pushed very rapidly. Travelers over the awful Pennsville road are more discouraged than ever at the prospect of early improvement.

The Pennsville road never was in worse shape than at present. It is nearly impassable at some points and at no point is there anything resembling a good stretch of road.

MANY QUITRACE

Roads Too Bad For the Wheeling Motorcyclists.

Members of the Wheeling Motorcycle Club went through here Monday on their 300 mile endurance run from Wheeling to Bedford and return. A number of local enthusiasts were gathered around the flagging point on East Main street at 12.03 when the first cyclist was scheduled to arrive. It was 12.27, however, before No. 14, on a Henderson, rounded the bend, the first to come in.

He reported that bad weather and rough roads had caused many of the riders to drop out of the race. Soisson Madigan is timing the motor cyclists here.

SOME BIG BILLS.

Will Have to Be Paid in the Fight Against Greensburg Water Co.

It is estimated that the fight directed against the Westmoreland Water Company by its consumers in Greensburg will cost $10,000 or more. Two expert witnesses have rendered bills for $4,000, the engineering cost $3,000 and legal talent and incidental expenses will swell the total by several more thousands.

The Public Service Commission has not yet rendered its decision on the questions brought before it during the hearings.

New Front Line Schools.

Front line recognition has been issued to the Normalville, United Brethren and Mount Braddock Union Sunday schools, making 22 recognized Front Line schools in Fayette county to date.

Auditor for Saltlick.

The resignation of J. Cliff Adams, auditor for Saltlick township, was presented to court. Henry R. Adams was named to succeed him.

ACCOUNTING OFFICE CHANGES AT B. & O. TO BE COMPLETED

Timekeepers of the Departments Placed in One Office.

NOTES OF THE RAILROADERS

Big Interest in Coming Baseball Game; Safety First Train Expected Here; Sheepskin Must be Double-Tracked; Headlight Flashes.

It is expected that the changes in the timekeepers' department will be completed with in a few days. It was recently decided to combine the accounting forces of four departments, the M. of W., C. T., M. P., and Stores, into one. All the timekeepers were placed in one room. This office was entirely remodeled; partitions were torn out, painting was done and a new electric lighting system installed. The room at the present time is in a confused condition, and the clerks straightening it out give one the impression of a big house cleaning job being performed. Moving the filing cabinets and other office furniture, the accountants say, is no easy job.

The combination of these departments is an important change. J. W. McLaughlin, formerly division accountant at the Baltimore offices, will head the timekeepers here. Mr. McLaughlin has arrived in Connellsville but has not as yet taken active charge of the departments.

Nothing but baseball talk was heard about the offices and yards yesterday. All are looking forward to the Yard-Shops game today, which promises to be a battle royal, with both sides fighting to the bitter end. The teams are the best in the Baltimore & Ohio League, and the rivalry between them is intense.

The project of double-tracking the Sheepskin is attracting much comment from railroaders at the present time. "We have heard nothing definite," an official said yesterday, "in regard to this project. Plans for it would be formulated at Baltimore and carried out from Pittsburg. Rumor has it that the chief engineers at those places are working on such plans now. Of that we know nothing; but it is only a question of time until the Sheepskin must be double tracked; that is inevitable."

The famous Safety First Special, now in Pittsburg, is expected to arrive here within a week or ten days. Connellsville has not been definitely scheduled, and the exact route of the train is not known.

Ed. Ruben, the popular freight house foreman, has resigned his position to go into the produce business. Ed. has been a familiar figure around the freight house for some time, and the employes are sorry to see him leave. Louis Liniger takes his place.

IRWIN-M'KEESPORT LINE

Now Under Control of the West Penn Railway Company.

The West Penn Railways Company has acquired control of the Pittsburg & Westmoreland Railway, better known as the Irwin-McKeesport line, connecting the towns named, and has begun to operate it as a part of the big West Penn system.

The property is badly in need of equipment and will require extensive reconstruction and repair to place it in good physical condition. The owning company had financial difficulties several times during the twelve years of its existence terminating in a receivership. Under the direction of Superintendent Black of the McKeesport division the newly acquired line will be thoroughly overhauled.

The road traverses a field having heavy traffic and will no doubt prove a valuable addition to the West Penn's system. Several years ago the latter planned the construction of a line from a point near Greensburg to McKeesport to provide a fast through service from Connellsville to Pittsburg. For various reasons nothing was done on the projected line. The control of the Pittsburg & Westmoreland will now serve the purpose of the earlier plan to give direct connection between the coke region and Pittsburg.

$1,000 DAMAGES

Claimed by Owner of Bulldog, Which Jury Said Was Not Murdered.

UNIONTOWN, June 19.—John Davis of Witter avenue, Connellsville, through his attorney, George Patterson, today brought a capias action for $1,000 damages against Michael J. Kerrigan, also of Witter avenue, Connellsville, for the loss of "Sammie," the blooded English bulldog, which Mr. Kerrigan is said to have killed last May 6. Mr. Kerrigan's bail was fixed at $800 for his appearance in common pleas court.

Last week in criminal court Mr. Kerrigan was prosecuted by Mr. Davis on charges of wantonly and wilfully killing a dog and maliciously killing a dog. He was found not guilty but directed by the jury to pay the costs in the case. It was testified that Mr. Kerrigan killed the dog by throwing a stone at it. The defense of Mr. Kerrigan was that the dog attacked him.

According to the statement filed today, "Sammie" was a blooded animal, his ancestors having been profusely decorated with blue ribbons at the leading dog shows of the country, and "Sammie," himself, brought into the world by a Caesarean operation, was raised on a bottle. Such a dog, Mr. Davis declares in his statement filed, never can be replaced.

Are Quietly Married.

Miss Elizabeth Fuller of Upper-middletown and Floyd Lilley of Tippecanoe, were quietly married Saturday by Rev. Harry M. Fishel. The bridegroom is employed at the Union Supply Company store at Tippecanoe.

MUST GET CENTRAL FIRE STATION SOON, DIRECTOR PRYCE TELLS COUNCILMEN

By July 15, Connellsville will have two additional pieces of motor fire fighting apparatus—a new La France hook and ladder truck and its old hose-wagon, transformed into an auto truck. With the time for the delivery of the new apparatus less than a month off, Superintendent of Public Safety M. B. Price Friday night called council's attention to the necessity of providing a central fire station. A committee composed of Councilmen Pryce, Guynn and Mayor Marietta was appointed by the mayor to look for a suitable site for the building.

Councilman West suggested that the corner of the city hall plot on Arch street would be a good location for the fire house but the other councilmen did not look with favor upon this site. A number of other locations have been under consideration for some time.

Mr. Pryce stated that from 10 to 15 cents a hundred overcharge is tacked on Connellsville's fire insurance rates because there is no central fire station here and that several additional cents a hundred have been added because the Gamewell fire alarm switches are not located in the fire station. These are now in city hall.

All this, he said, makes a central fire station an absolute necessity, if a reduction in insurance rates is to be secured when the underwriters make their next survey of the city.

The committee will report to council as soon as it can agree upon the proper location. The necessity of prompt action was emphasized by Mr. Pryce.

The contract to furnish tires for the fire truck which is being made from the old fire wagon, was awarded to the Connellsville Garage Company which will furnish a special casing, designed for fire trucks, and guaranteed for three years. The price is $46 a tire and $9 per tube.

Back Yards

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

Bret Hart once wrote a story in which he pointed out that for an insight into the occupant's true character one must look at the back and not at the front of a man's house. Here was knowledge of human nature. If we want to estimate character accurately we must have an all around view and not accept face values.

This brings us again to the question of back yards. Is yours as clean and well kept as you can make it or is it littered with trash, cans, kindling or other rubbish? Is the garbage and waste properly covered and free from flies? Is the stable and out-house a fly breeding center for the neighborhod? You have work ahead of you for your health's sake and for the sake of decency if any of these conditions exist.

It is a privilege to have a back yard, even a small one. There are thousands of dwellers in cities where land is sold by the square foot, who yearn for a little space to call their own. Those who are so fortunate as to have back yards should care for them and make use of them.

If there are children in the family the back yard should be their playground. A doll house, turning pole, a swing or a tent will provide almost unlimited entertainment and help to keep children off the streets.

If there are no children in the family, a shovel, a rake, a hoe and a moderate sized back yard garden should afford a reasonable amount of healthful exercise combined with pleasure and profit.

A CRUSADE

Is started by Mayor to Keep Young Boys Out of Pool Rooms

At the direction of Mayor Marietta, City Detective J. W. Mitchell today began a crusade to enforce the act prohibiting boys under 18 years from entering pool rooms and bowling alleys. Notice was served upon the proprietors of all such places that under no circumstances must this law be violated in the future. It has come to the mayor's ears that boys considerably under this limit are permitted to loaf in pool rooms and patronize the tables.

The proprietors are all in possession of copies of the act regulating their places and so cannot plead ignorance of the law. A fine of from $10 to $200 may be imposed for each offense.

The city detective also will see that the provisions of the same act prohibiting youths under 21 from entering barrooms and not allowing boys under 14 to be employed in any capacity, are enforced.

A NEW MANAGEMENT.

Thompson and Wolfersberger Take Over The Daily News.

The deal for the transfer of ownership of The Daily News from a coterie of Democratic politicians to J. J. Thompson and G. T. Wolfersberger was concluded Saturday. The sale to the new management was authorized at a meeting of stockholders on June 8.

J. J. Thompson has been editor of The Daily News for the past several years and Mr. Wolfersberger recently became its business manager. They announce that the paper will continue as a Democratic organ.

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EBONY SEPTEMBER MORN CONVICTED; AN EASTER ECHO

UNIONTOWN, June 15.—Henrietta Jones, the colored September Morn of Bessemer, was convicted of open lewdiness in court today.

J. H. Arrington, a deacon in the Mount Zion Church and the Anthony Comstock of Bessemer, brought the information and was the star witness against the woman. Arrington, as guardian of Bessemer's morals, says he saw Henrietta promenading around Easter morning garbed in a union suit.

IS LARGEST CITY.

Los Angeles Now Covers Total of 337 Square Miles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 16.—The annexation of Westgate and Occidental to the municipality of Los Angeles, ratified by the voters at a recent election, makes Los Angeles the largest municipality in the United States in point of area.

It now has a total area of 337.52 square miles, passing greater New York, with 314.75 square miles. Chicago is third with 198 and Philadelphia fourth with 129.

Los Angeles has a population of 500,000.

Legal Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the first and final account of J. Kirk Renner, receiver, Fayette Electrical Engineering Company, a corporation, has been filed in the Prothonotary's office, and will be presented to court for allowance and confirmation on the 15th day of July, A. D., 1916, and will be confirmed, and allowed, unless cause be shown to the contrary. GEORGE M. RATHMELL, Prothonotary. Prothonotary's Office, Uniontown, Pa., June 16, 1916. 22june4twky

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"AMERICA FIRST" DOMINANT NOTE IN PATRIOTIC PAGEANT WHICH STRETCHSE FOR BLOCKS

Three Thousand Marchers, Hundred Automobiles, in the Line.

ALL PAY HOMAGE TO THE FLAG

Civil War Veterans, on Library Lawn, Review Parade; Movement Launched by E. Dunn and F. O. Goodwin Develops Into Town's Biggest Affair

Connellsville stands for patriotism and preparedness, with no pussy-footing.

Three thousand marchers demonstrated this to the other thousands who lined the curbs for blocks to witness the most impressive Flag Day celebration ever held in the coke region. It was significant of the times, and a stinging rebuke to those cynics who intimate that the coke region worships none but Mammon.

There were no war brides in the parade; it was no demonstration staged by munitions makers. Flag Day was destined to be observed more generally than ever before, but Captain E. Dunn and F. O. Goodwin started the parade ball rolling, and it kept going until it almost got away from everybody.

For an impromptu affair the parade was never equalled. It had all the earmarks of being planned for weeks. It ran smoother than any parade Connellsville has ever seen. It was larger, by far, than many demonstrations of a similar nature. Connellsville proved its loyalty to the flag.

A year ago such a celebration might have fallen flat. Reference by the newspapers to the celebration last year is confined to the statement that "in view of the serious crisis which faces the American government, a stronger spirit of patriotism than is usually apparent will impel the people of Connellsville to fling Old Glory to the breeze. There will be no organized observance of that day here, but there will be many flags displayed." There were many flags, but beside the display of the national colors yesterday, they seemed almost insignificant. Connellsville was not then aroused, despite the fact that national crises were then a novelty.

The demonstration here was more significant than that held in Washington, although not so elaborate, and lacking the inspiration of being led by the President of the United States. Connellsville had no incentive such as Washington derives from constant association with the gold braid and tinsel of the army and navy. The gay panoply of militarism, always on display along the promenades of the national capital, causes a more or less allegiance to the fetish of war. Here no gay trappings of Mars inspire a militaristic spirit. Even Company D, on its few public appearances, wears the practical and unromantic khaki.

Without those attractions which so happily aid the success of similar pageants elsewhere, Connellsville demonstrated that its patriotism is sincere; its reverence for the flag deep-seated; its belief in preparedness firm.

Just as General Leonard Wood stood for hours reviewing the first monster preparedness parade of the country in New York some weeks ago, so did the veteran soldiers of the Civil War, those silver-haired heroes who fought and bled that the nation might live, stood it attention on the Carnegie Free Library lawn as the pageant passed. Enfeebled by the years, many of them so near the final bivouac that the tattoo of muffled drums and silver tones of taps will soon be heard, they wavered not as they saluted the various delegations.

America First was the keynote. There were no hyphens in the line. Men, women and children of German, Irish, Italian, Hungarian, Slav, of almost every other nationality, walked side by side. They were Americans; they demonstrated their allegiance to the Stars and Stripes, adopted 139 years ago as the national emblem of the greatest nation of the world. There was no politics. Democrats, Republicans, Progressives, Prohibitionists, Socialists, men of every political creed, took part. Religion cut no figure. Catholic and Protestant walked together. The parade was a striking example of the fundamental solidarity of the American people, for there is no melting pot greater than the Connellsville coke region.

If there was an incident to mar the harmony of the demonstration it was well concealed. During the afternoon some of the musicians confused their prejudices with their patriotism and for a time threatened to invoke union rules on the bands which participated, but this was so quickly blanketed that few even heard of it.

The parade was not without sacrifice, either. One musician who has a steady engagement at a pleasure park hired a substitute in order that he might give his services to the Flag Day celebration for nothing. The owners of the hundred automobiles gave something, for there is nothing so hard on a machine as an hour or so of travel at a creep, for engines will heat. Incidentally, the automobile division of the parade was one of its most attractive features. It was the largest turnout of machines Connellsville has ever seen.

The weather was fine. Showers threatened but the rain held off. There was a stiff breeze, and it was feared for a time that the performance might be marred, but there was no rain. It came later, and came with a vengeance, but not until all of the paraders were safely home and in bed.

The six bands in line gave evidence of the true Americanism of the affair, representing three races; all anxious to do honor to the flag of the free. The Connellsville Military Band, the South Connellsville Band, the H. C. Frick Band of Leisenring, the Connellsville Italian Band, the Connellsville Colored Band and the red-coated colored musicians from Dr. Spiegel's medicine show were distributed throughout the line of parade. There was no lack of music.

There was no prouder person in the parade than Captain J. C. Herwick of Company D, Tenth Regiment, who rode at the head of the long line, ahead of the khaki-uniformed company of guardsmen and cadets, in command of Lieutenant R. S. Morton. Along the sidelines was another patriotic personage, prouder than a peacock—Captain E. Dunn, for it was largely due to his enthusiasm that the parade was such a big success. He and F. O. Goodwin started the ball a-rolling. Mr. Goodwin rode in one of the automobiles, his face wreathed in smiles at the success of the affair.

The city officials responded nobly to the call, the mayor and all but one member of council, together with other municipal employes, marching well toward the front of the first division. Mayor Marietta in evening clothes and high hat, marched with City Clerk A. O. Bixler, who was similarly attired in faultless evening attire. Councilmen John Duggan, M. B. Pryce and L. L. West followed. Councilman J. H. Guynn was unable to be in line. City Controller J. Clyde Whiteley, City Engineer S. M. Foust, and Sealer of Weights and Measures J. S. Bryner completed the city's representation. S. R. Mestrezat and H. L. Carpenter accompanied the city fathers.

Miss Emma Lou Gilliland proved an admirable selection for the honor of portraying Columbia. Attired in flowing white robes which accentuated her brunette beauty, her appearance evoked rounds of applause. Her much-admired maids of honors were Misses Mara Lloyd Stillwagon, Helen Schuler, Clementine Rottler and Cornelia Adams. David Wertheimer and E. W. Horner, in evening clothes, acted as escorts.

About 75 employes of the Wright-Metzler stores in Connellsville and Uniontown made a splendid showing, carrying an immense American flag stretched over a big area.

A similar idea was carried out by John P. Trader and his Overholt Distillery girls. Clad in white, the 40 girls carried a large emblem stretched between them.

A squad of about 75 Courier newsboys, each wearing a soldier hat made of a folded copy of this paper and carrying Courier flags, attracted much attention. A banner bearing the inscription "Always for the Flag, The Daily Courier, Connellsville's Biggest and Best Newspaper," was carried at the head of The Courier delegation. James J. McPartland, assistant circulation manager, was in charge.

Edgar Smutz and his small son appeared in line in Uncle Sam costumes.

The firemen had a float on which their miniature truck was placed amid a galaxy of American flags.

Other companies represented were: New Haven Volunteer Fire Department.

Woolworth store employes, headed by Manager John Shea.

Connellsville Steam Laundry Company employes, dressed in white, riding in big truck, with Manager W. O. Adrian flying a pretty silk flag from the driver's seat. The laundry horses were also in line.

Parochial school children, dressed in white and carrying small flags.

Members of Connellsville Lodge of Elks in an automobile, with a large elk's head held aloft.

Westmoreland Grocery Company employes.

Yough Crystal Ice Company force.

Yough Brewing Company force.

Cuthbertson & Company store employes occupied automobiles, provided by Manager Ralph E. Cuthbertson. These were a mass of flags and bunting and every occupant of the machines carried one or more small flags.

The horsemen's delegation consisted largely of those from J. L. Stader's livery stable, with Mr. Stader, his son, Francis, and P. Bufano riding at the head. Leo Stader rode a pony.

One of the most patriotic marchers of the evening was R. Vincent Rendine, of Italian descent, but undiluted American. Mr. Rendine had his whole family in the parade.

The Great Spiegel, who is advertising his preparations in the rear of the Yough House, entered into the spirit of the Flag Day observance by donating his colored band. The red-coated musicians marched throughout the entire route and played almost constantly. Dr. Spiegel made no attempt to use the occasion as an advertisement for his medicines.

More automobiles than were ever before seen in line in the city were stretched out over the parade route. There were at least 100 cars. Each was prettily decorated with flags of every description and the occupants proudly carried still more emblems. Some novel effects were carried out in decorating the cars, one of the most striking of which was obtained by using narrow red white and blue ribbon over the top of the radiator.

Over 4,000 flags were distributed by high school graduates and other aides. It seemed that everybody in the city had at least one flag. One man said that he had never before seen such a display of the national colors.

The procession paraded the principal streets and then returned to the library lawn where the assembled multitude sang "America" under the leadership of John Davis. After that the Connellsville Military Band gave a short concert at the bandstand.

After the parade was over the little group of veterans who fought to preserve this nation during the bloody days of '61-65 gathered up their camp stools and slowly walked away, convinced that in Connellsville there is no lack of reverence for the flag, and that the present generation would respond just as readily as they did if ever the country's call is one of need.

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ADDITION TO THE M. P. CHURCH WILL GIVE FINE PLANT

Architect's Plans Also Call for Refacing of Old Building.

LARGE SCHOOL ROOM PROVIDED

Smaller Class Rooms Will Augment Space Provided by the Auditorium; Kitchen and Banquet Room in the Basement; Contract to be Let Soon.

The architect's plans for the proposed addition to the Methodist Protestant Church on Apple street provide for general changes that will make the church property as a whole one of the most attractive in the city. Work on the excavation of the basement is already under way, although no contract for the building has as yet been awarded.

The general exterior plan provides for the refacing of the front of the old building so as to conform with the addition. Stone will probably be used. There will be two entrances on Apple street, one at the western end as at the present and the other through a cloistered lobby in the new part. The latter entrance will have steps on the east and west sides similar to those on the Trinity Lutheran Church. One pair will lead to the main auditorium and the other to the lobby of the Sunday school room.

Three ornamental arches with art glass windows will be placed in the front of the addition and there will be four other windows toward the eastern end of the new part, two on each floor.

The basement will include a large banquet room, kitchen, supply and toilet rooms.

On the main floor of the Sunday school room will be an auditorium and lecture room, 42 by 25 feet. The east wall of the old church will be torn away and a sliding portion installed, making it possible to turn the entire lower floor into one big auditorium. On the main floor will be a parlor and four class rooms, one of these on the south side being larger than the rest and designed for use of the infant department.

On the second floor there will be six class rooms opening on a five-foot balcony running around the second floor of the auditorium. The class rooms will be fitted with sliding partitions which when drawn aside throw them all into one big room, from which all that goes on below may be seen and heard.

On the third floor there will be one unassigned room, which may be used for various purposes, a church board room or pastor's office.

The cost of the improvement will run considerably more than was originally figured on. Worth Kilpatrick, who is prominent in the activities of the church, is to supervise the work.

The extreme dimensions of the completed structure will be 75 feet long by 90 feet deep.

CONDUCTOR GIVEN HEARING

West Penn Man Arrested on Information of Trotter Negro.

David Pyle, a conductor of the West Penn, was given a hearing before Alderman Eugene O'Donovan last evening on a charge of assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery and wilful and malicious destruction of property. The information was made by John W. Smith, colored, of Trotter.

Smith alleges that on Saturday, June 10, while riding to his home on a street car, he asked Pyle for 25 cents change in pennies. He claims that he received only 21 pennies for his quarter. In the argument which followed the car was stopped and Pyle tried to put him off the car. Smith refused to go and charges that Pyle threw his basket off, breaking and spilling the contents of it. Then Pyle struck him in the face three times, he claims, bruising his eye, and loosening a tooth which later had to be extracted. The case was taken to court.

DISCOVERY IS IMPORTANT

Scientists Trace Andaste Tribe of Indians in Northern Pennsylvania.

An archaelogical expedition has been working for some time near Athens, Pa., and as a result of its discoveries it is now known that the Andaste tribe of Indians once inhabited the section north of Lock Haven. Their discovery means much to science and helps complete history, as it is the first record of an Andaste cemetery. When the excavations were made skeletons, bones, pottery and implements were found. It is presumed that the burial of some of these implements dates back to 1608.

Dr. George P. Donehoo of the Pennsylvania Historical Society announced the results of the expedition last Saturday evening. The explorers, led by Warren K. Morehead, will remain at Athens for several more days and hope for other important finds. Dr. Donehoo, who is now located in Coudersport, formerly resided in Connellsville. He was active in urging the erection of the monument to Colonel Crawford.

PRINCIPAL NOT CHOSEN.

South Connellsville School Board Defers Holding Election.

The election of a high school principal which was to have been held at a special meeting of the South Connellsville school board Wednesday evening was postponed until the regular meeting of the board on Monday, July 3. Several applications for the position have been received.

The majority of the teachers recently elected signed their contracts at the meeting.

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PLAN NEW TRAFFIC RULES FOR BRIMSTONE CORNER

Pedestrians to be Governed as Well as Vehicles; May Revamp the Ordinance.

It is said that City Council is considering a new plan for traffic regulation on Brimstone Corner. Instead of the patrolman receiving the signal and letting the vehicles go by, traffic on one street will be closed until that on the other has passed. Pedestrians crossing the street will also be governed by the corner patrolman.

The present traffic ordinance is sufficient so long as the wagons and automobiles do not approach the corner in a group, but when they do, congestion usually results. Pedestrians at present are allowed to cross the street at will, but have to look after themselves between curbs.

If the new plan is put into effect by council, pedestrians will wait until the officer opens the street and then cross in perfect safety. This plan would work well on days when the city is crowded or on a Saturday night.

There is some talk of a complete revision of the traffic ordinance.

KICK AGAINST DOGS

City Employes Angry Over Way Lawn and Flower Beds Are Destroyed.

Police and other city employes are irate over the way dogs are digging up the flower beds recently planted on the lawns in front of the building. The dogs have a habit of picking out the beds for a playground and each morning Street Commissioner McCormick, who is taking care of the lawn this summer, finds some of the flowers broken off.

The police threaten to shoot any animal they find molesting the flower beds or the lawn. Several days' work was put in this spring by the street department getting them into shape. Now that they are beginning to look nice it is not proposed to let the dogs spoil them.

TENDERED A SHOWER

Miss Ella Friedman of Vanderbilt Honored by Friends.

A miscellaneous shower was tendered Miss Ella Friedman of Vanderbilt, and her fiance, Frank Marotto of Dawson, Thursday at the Vanderbilt Hotel. The affair was given by members of the congregation of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Dawson, of which Mr. Marotto is a member, and was attended by about 50 guests, who presented the young couple with a number of handsome and useful gifts. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. Marotto is one of the best known young men of Dawson. The wedding will take place Tuesday morning in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rev. E. A. Glennon, the pastor, will officiate.

GOING TO CONVENTION

Elks Plan Big Delegation to Baltimore Gathering.

Connellsville Elks are planning to attend the convention of their order which begins July 10 at Baltimore, Md. About 150 will go from here, probably in special cars. A Baltimore & Ohio passenger agent is in town today arranging for the cars, which will be added to Duquesne No. 12. The Elks will leave Sunday, July 9.

There is much enthusiasm among local members and they are looking forward to their participation in the greatest fraternal convention ever held. Some of the Elks intend to motor down. Scottdale and Uniontown parties are preparing to make the trip by automobile, also.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Lower Tyrone Resident Knocked Over While Talking on Phone.

While talking over the telephone at his home in Lower Tyrone township during the severe electric storm last Thursday, Jesse Bonner, son of Anthony Bonner, was knocked senseless by a bolt of lightning. For a time it was thought that he had been killed but he was finally brought back to consciousness, little the worse for his mishap.

Mr. Bonner suffered a severe bruise of the head when he fell to the floor after the lightning struck. The bolt first struck a tree in the yard and followed the telephone wires into the house.

BASS SEASON HERE

Unfavorable Weather, However, Mars Opening Day's Fishing.

Thursday marked the opening of bass season in the state of Pensylvania, but it is not likely that many sportsmen will go up the rivers and streams on account of the unfavorable weather. Both the Yough river and Indian Creek have been muddied by the heavy rains of last night and until the water is partially cleared there is no chance for any success.

Many who had planned to go to Indian Creek valley today were obliged to postpone the trip. The season for all other kinds of fresh water fish also opens today. Trout are still in season but can only be caught until July 30.

BASS FISHING SPOILED.

Heavy Rains Make Opening of Season Inauspicious.

The heavy rains of Thursday caused the Yough river to rise several feet over night. The mountain streams are also reported to have been swollen by the rain and fishermen throughout this section are greatly disappointed.

Bass season came in yesterday, but there will be no fishing for a week yet. Even after the waters are clear the fish are unlikely to bite, on account of the lateness of the summer. The spawning season is later than usual this year.

Kimball Gets a Raise.

W. Ross Kimball of Dunbar, who is in the auditor general's department at Harrisburg jumped to a $2,000 job in the recent general advances made in that department. Kimball got a $200 raise.

232 GIVEN NOTICE BY COUNCIL TO LAY CEMENT SIDEWALKS

Property Owners Given 15 Days to Comply With Ordinance.

MANY STREETS ARE AFFECTED

Not Only Must New Walks be Laid, But on Many Streets Brick Pavements Must be Replaced; Councilman Suggests They Co-Operate.

Council Monday passed a resolution directing that 232 property owners on various streets on the East Side be given notice to lay substantial concrete sidewalks, replacing old ones now in place. Work must begin within 15 days, otherwise council will do the work and charge the cost, together with a penalty, to the owner. The West Side will be taken up at the next meeting.

The ordinance prescribing the kind of mixture to be used in the concrete and the method of laying, which was adopted last year, was read by Councilman Duggan and the city clerk was directed to advertise in the newspapers the fact that such an ordinance is in existence and that copies for the information of contractors can be had on application at city hall.

Councilman M. B. Pryce suggested that it would be a good thing for all concerned if property owners along one street would get together and let a general contract for the work. The city will also get bids from contractors for laying the sidewalks, so that when property owners do not comply with the notice, the work will be undertaken by council.

The following names of property owners who must lay new walks was submitted last night:

Apple street—Pennsylvania railroad, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Hetzel, Robert Norris et al., John D. Frisbee estate, Miss Dora Cooley, Methodist Episcopal Church, Newmyer estate, Soisson estate, P. Bufano, James C. Moore, John Dixon, Mrs. Fehr, Grant Myers, Boyts, Porter & Company, Jacob Wildey, Adams property, Mrs. Henry, Alex Francis, Edward Welling, William Buttermore, John Cunningham.

Peach street—Mrs. Mary O'Hara, Abe Vorrosi, F. A. Leiberger, Samuel Russell, L. Ramondi, F. E. Markell, A. B. Hood, Frisbee estate, D. B. Evans, White estate, A. S. Silcox.

East Peach street—J. L. Evans, Frisbee estate, Harry Dull.

South Pittsburg street—Waynesburg Bank, Dr. E. C. Sherrick, Dr. G. W. Newcomer, School Board, Carnegie Free Library, Marsh estate, Welbe estate, P. Bufano, E. N. Stahl, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Barge, Strickler Stacy, James Stouffer, Dr. S. S. Stahl, Mrs. McClelland, Cropp heirs, Byron Porter, Dr. J. L. Cochran, Robert Norris, S. S. Snader, United Presbyterian Church, H. E. Schenck et al, Trinity Reformed Church, H. L. Carpenter, Mrs. Cochran, Ella N. Herwick, Orrell R. Herwick, T. Walter, Hurley estate, T. B. Palmer, Hughes estate, S. Coughenour, Mrs. Ellard, W. D. McGinnis.

Cottage avenue—M. Alt, John Franks, Garfield Frankenberry, J. H. Mills, J. M. Reid.

Fayette street—H. Welker, Frank Elliott, Daniels & Miller, Grant Dull, Mrs. B. Welker, William Dull, J. M. Marietta, H. Welker, J. McCormick, R. Marietta.

West Washington and other South Side streets—Mrs. Dunn, Hogg estate, Mrs. Mary Brown, Soisson estate, Miss Vance, Grant Dull, Charles M. Hyatt, John Dixon, Mrs. Sliger, H. C. Miller, Samuel King, Miss Rose Keck, Dr. C. S. Horner, Mrs. McGary, Mrs. Nee, Samuel Baisley, Stanton Sipe, Riverside Metal Refining Company, James Stader, C. F. Hood, Dr. Jones, F. T. Evans, R. O. Thomas, Mrs. Cochran, Miss Nettie Hood, Samuel Baisley, J. J. Dougherty, Isabella Markle, Mrs. Gutilius, Mrs. Mary Girard, R. De Angelis.

Main street—Mrs. Schmitz, George Bishop estate, Mrs. Mary Atkinson, Joseph Dixon, Dr. J. D. Jackson, Mrs. J. A. Lyons, Stillwagon lot, Mrs. A. Cuneo, Patterson estate, Dr. T. R. Francis, J. M. Herpick, Greensburg Bank, Mrs. C. D. Snader, Esly Barnes, Mrs. Pickett, A. Gondolfi, Samuel McFern, Robert Norris, Z. Levi, Ernest Robbins, Frank B. Luteman, William Nicholson estate, Mrs. W. E. Rice, M. H. Levison, Renner estate, Chris Colvin, William Ganler, J. M. Richey, Frisbee estate, William Workman, Dr. T. R. Francis, J. A. Lyon, Frank Cox, Mattie Richter.

Snyder street—G. T. Gorham, Jacob Shine, Boston Shaw, M. Custer, Andrew Work, Mrs. Mary Minnis, J. T. Johnston, Mrs. Atkinson, Hogg estate, Mrs. J. T. Crossland.

Fairview avenue—Robert Norris, Homer Wilson, Mrs. Emma Kurtz, Mrs. John Keck, James Caudy, Nellie Stillwagon, Mrs. Clara Ranker, Stickel estate, Liederkranz Hall, John Zimmerman, Mrs. Mattie Gilchrist, Ernest Hoffman, Mrs. Mary Hays, R. Marietta, Lester Gilmore, Joseph G. Lytle, Dr. S. D. Woods, Mrs. Mary Stillwagon, V. H. Soisson, Mrs. James Echard, Featherman & Franks, W. H. Soisson, W. H. Showman, Henry A. Porter, C. W. Hays, S. B. Dull, Mrs. Carrie Zimmerman, William Dull, J. M. Reid, Solomon Palmer.

North Pittsburg street—A. A. Wetherell, B'Nai Israel Church, C. W. Cottom, Mrs. Jennie Skinner, Welker estate, Cyrus Echard, S. Benford, Hurley heirs, Mrs. Rush, J. T. McCormick estate, Mrs. Anderson, D. B. Evans, Hannah Fleming, Pennsylvania railroad, Morton estate, Mrs. Adolph Rotrler, Thomas Krush, W. H. Soisson, Samuel Russell, Daniel Sinclair.

Gibson avenue—V. Widmer, Mrs. F. Spitler, Mrs. Lytle, McCormick estate, Mrs. Q. Marietta.

Councilmen Duggan, Guynn and Pryce were named by the mayor to represent council on the board of trustees of the Carnegie Free Library.

Further steps toward paving Mountain alley, between Apple and Main streets, and Apple street, between Prospect and Mountain alley, were taken at the meeting. It was stated that all of the property owners but Mrs. Mary Aline Atkinson were willing to sign a petition for the paving. If all will sign, council will be able to let the contract at the next meeting on June 26; otherwise, it will be necessary to advertise the ordinances and the work will be delayed at least 30 days. Notices were directed to be served on R. Marietta, Marcus Marietta, Snyder estate, Connellsville Distilling Company and the Immaculate Church to lay sidewalks and curbs in front of their properties within 15 days. Bids for the grading and paving of these streets will be opened on June 26. The grading has been practically completed by the city chain gang.

SECOND DEGREE VERDICT

Agreement is Reached in the Case of Oliver Foreiguers.

UNIONTOWN, June 15.—An agreement verdict of second degree murder was taken before Judge E. H. Reppert today in the case of Lazar Renuk, Dimetro Renuk and Castion Smithunuk, accused of killing Mike Dumenko at Oliver No. 1 last March 27. It was evident when the case was called that no first degree verdict would be asked, for the first 12 jurors called were accepted by both the commonwealth and the defense.

In a verdict taken this morning before Judge Reppert, Frank Ricci was found guilty of aggravated assault and battery and unlawful cutting, and acquitted of the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill and murder. Ricci is said to have severely cut August Johnson and Tony Lucantonio following a christening at Maxwell works on April 15. The controversy was over the possession of a cigar holder, and it was alleged that Johnson, Lucantonio, Jim Nairde and Felix Descarzo attacked Ricci.

Fletcher Wethers, colored, was acquitted of a charge of entering a Baltimore & Ohio freight car, and receiving stolen goods. Captain E. F. Ludwig of the railroad police was the prosecutor. He alleged that Wethers entered a car and stole shoes consigned to a Connellsville merchant.

The case against John Jackson for carrying concealed weakons, also on oath of Captain Ludwig, was tried before Judge Work. The man was acquitted, but must pay the costs.

James Barber, a negro, was found not guilty of carrying concealed weapons and pointing firearms, on oath of Peter Jackson. The men are said to have had trouble over a woman at a camp at Dunbar on May 20.

ESTATE IS APPRAISED

Personal Holdings of Mr. Hurley Valued at $16,491.

UNIONTOWN, June 17.—The late Michael Hurley of Connellsville, in addition to his holdings of real estate, owned personal property valued at $16,491.95, according to the inventory and appraisement which has just been filed in the office of Register of Wills Henry R. Titterington. In addition to having $641.95 in cash in the Yough Trust Company at Connellsville, Mr. Hurley owned at the time of his death 192 shares of stock in the Meyersdale Brewing Company, 10 shares in the Connellsville Lumber Company, seven shares in the Yough Trust Company of Connellsville, seven shares in the First National Bank of Connellsville, and 10 shares in the Second National Bank of Connellsville.

Inventories and appraisements of personal property of other persons who have died recently in the county which have just been filed are:

James H. Sherbondy, Dawson, $15,487.37; Albion Newton Marston, Bellevernon, $694.35; Catherine Raymond, Springfield township, $300; Jessie M. Holder, Bellevernon, $4,445.75; Anna S. Moser, Masontown, $4,669.50; Charles W. Coleman, Dunbar township, $2,383.89; Joseph C. Parker, Upper Tyrone township, $241.50; Sara A. Bakewell, South Brownsville, $10,633.53; Matthew H. Hohlman, Perry township, $2,203.25; William H. Ashcraft, Uniontown, $174.25; Jefferson A. Walters, Uniontown, $14,632.59; Marguerita I. Showalter, Smithfield, $1,017.50.

ADMITS KILLING HORSE

Lower Tyrone Man Fined for Abusing an Animal.

Louis Ansel of Lower Tyrone township, on Thursday plead guilty to a charge of cruelty to animals preferred by Charles Wilson, humane agent. On June 12 Ansel killed a horse belonging to the H. C. Frick Coke Company by hitting it on the head with a hatchet, striking it with a club, kicking it in the stomach, and otherwise beating and abusing it.

Ansel at first claimed that the horse had gotten tangled up in the harness and so was killed, but he soon decided to confess the charge made against him. Alderman S. H. Howard fined him $10 and costs.

MUST COVER PRODUCE

Health Officer Hetzel Says Fruit Dealers Are Violating Law.

Health Officer George Hetzel is warning fruit dealers that they must keep the goods on display in front of the stores clean and also covered with netting. Since summer opened Officer Hetzel has been getting complaints about the way fruit dealers are having their produce open to flies and other insects.

A health ordinance provides that all fruits and other produce on display in front of stores shall be covered. Many dealers have been seen personally by the health officer and if the law is not complied with arrests will be made.

Get Marriage Licenses.

Austin Bowenhill of McKeesport and Catherine Koffler of Connellsville; Howard Oliver Crosman of Pittsburg and Ethel Pire of Everson; Aaron Charles Kepler of Penns Grove Mills and Millie Matilda Kersher of Uniontown, were granted licenses to wed in Cumberland yesterday.

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BRONZE STATUE OF COLONEL CRAWFORD PROPOSED BY BOARD

Mere Marker on City Hall Lawn is Deemed Inadequate.

THE COMMISSION ORGANIZES

H. P. Snyder is Chairman and Rev. Ellis B. Burgess Secretary; Fund Subscribed from Private Resources is Turned Over; No Time to be Lost.

The Crawford Memorial Commission held its first meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to erect a life-sized bronze statue of Colonel Crawford on the city hall lawn, providing sufficient funds can be raised, and the belief was expressed that the task would not be difficult. With $2,235 already available, the commission feels certain an additional thousand dollars or so can be added.

A stone monument with bronze markers, similar to those erected elsewhere by the State Historical Commission, is regarded by the local commission as entirely inadequate to pay proper homage to the memory of Colonel William Crawford. With the amount of money that will be available, the commission is convinced that a bronze statue can be secured. Such a monument on the public square, it is pointed out, would be something worthy of the community.

The commission will immediately ascertain the probable cost of such a statue and it is expected that within the next few weeks it will be possible to take some definite steps towards erection of such a memorial.

The commission, which consists of H. P. Snyder, Worth Kilpatrick and Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, met yesterday afternoon. H. P. Snyder was named chairman of the commission, and Rev. Ellis B. Burgess, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Snyder turned over to the commission the $1,235 which he raised through personal subscriptions. The commission will receive $500 from the city, while $500 has been appropriated by the State Historical Commission to cover the cost of the bronze keystones which will be used as markers.

It is proposed to secure for the base of the statue a boulder of native stone some six feet square and eight or ten feet high. A life-sized statue mounted upon such a base will be of such imposing proportions as to adequately meet the needs of the occasion. It would be visible from all trains entering and leaving the city, as well as from the Yough bridge, over which passes daily a large percentage of the city's population. The statue will be an everlasting reminder of the deeds of Connellsville's illustrious pioneer who met a martyr's death at the stake; a daily and hourly lesson in Patriotism and Preparedness.

OUTING FOR KIDDIES

Salvation Army to Entertain Poor Children on July 6.

Captain L. N. Phelps of the Salvation Army will conduct a poor children's outing at Shady Grove Park on July 6. He expects to entertain several hundred kiddies, taking them to the park in special street cars and bringing them back in automobiles. A number of automobilists have already donated their cars for use in bringing the picnickers back to town after the outing is over.

The amusements of the park will be thrown open to the little folks by Manager R. S. Coyle. Individual lunches will be packed with goodies enough for two meals, and nothing will be left undone that will aid in giving them the time of their lives. Captain Phelps has conducted a number of these outings, always with much success, and he is pleased with the co-operation given him by local residents.

WAIVES A HEARING.

G. F. Strawn Will Have Motorcycle Case Taken to Court.

G. F. Strawn waived a hearing before Alderman Eugene O'Donovan of the West Side last evening and gave bail for court. He was arrested for selling a motorcycle to W. L. Randolph, colored, some weeks ago, for $100. After the sale is made the machine is alleged to have broken down.

Randolph is from Vanderbilt and he claims the motorcycle was supposed to have been in good condition when he purchased it. Strawn alleges he sold the machine As Is.

TO ELECT TEACHERS.

Perry Township School Board Will Meet on Monday, July 3.

The school board of Perry township will meet at the Perryopolis high school on Monday night, July 3 to elect teachers for the ensuing term. Three high school instructors have already been chosen but one or more members of the faculty and 30 grade teachers remain to be elected at this meeting.

Announcement that the election would take place on Saturday, July 1, was erroneous.

TAKES OVER LINE.

West Penn System Absorbs Irwin Branch and Assumes Charge.

A deal consummated last week gives the West Penn system control of the McKeesport & Westmoreland Street Railways Company, which has been in the hands of the receivers for some time.

The M. & B. line operated between Irwin and McKeesport, connecting up with the West Penn's Bryn Mawr lines.

An Immense Flag.

A flag 35x40 which was conspicuously displayed on the front of the new Paramount Theatre, North Pittsburg street, attracted considerable attention. The flag is owned by Howard Clark of Dunbar and is one of the largest in this section.

WEST VIRGINIANS CONSIDER ADVANCE IN RATES IS UNFAIR

If Not Also a Conspiracy to Restrict the Coal Markets

TO COMPETITORS' ADVANTAGE

Will Seriously Handicap the Mountain State Operators and Result in the Transfer of Trade to Mines in Pennsylvania and Ohio Districts.

Even by the exercise of great restraint West Virginians, especially those engaged or interested in the coal business, find it difficult to discuss with moderation the proposal of the railroads to increase freight rates to points in the Central Association territory. The temper and attitude of the people on this question find expression in the declarations of the Fairmont Times, which says:

"It is obvious that the determined and long persisted in attempt of the railroads which serve the West Virginia coal fields to secure an increased differential on the transportation of West Virginia coal is based upon no just claim of inadequacy of present compensation for such transportation, but wholly to place operators of the Ohio and Pennsylvania fields in a more advantageous position in the markets than the West Virginia operators. It proceeds purely from the selfish desires of the operators in these regions to place a handicap on the West Virginia product that will to a great extent shut it out of the market and transfer the business now done in West Virginia to Pennsylvania and Ohio. The people of West Virginia who thought the case had ended favorably for West Virginia when the railroads in this state withdrew their application for an increased freight rate should not be deluded into thinking that the efforts against West Virginia are not just as intense and persistent now as they have been in the past. So long as the Pennsylvania railroad is in a position to direct the policies of the other coal carrying roads we may expect from time to time to see a revival in some form or another of the movement for an increased differential against the coal companies of this state until such differential is increased to the point of driving our coal from the markets.

"There are two cases now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The Fifteen Cents Advance Case is based upon an attempt by all the railroads serving the Pittsburg district and the West Virginia regions to increase their rates 15 cents per ton on all coal to Michigan and to the points in Ohio and Indiana which adjoin Michigan. At present Ohio has a differential of 25 cents per ton in her favor over this region and if the new rate is established this differential will be increased to forty cents a ton. The mines in the Hocking valley region have a local differential to points on the Hocking Valley railroad as far as Toledo of fifteen cents per ton, so that there is now a differential of forty cents to these pints against West Virginia and the proposed increase would make the total forty-five cents to such opints.

"The other case involves the Lake rates. It was brought by the Pittsburg Coal Operators Association but the only people who appeared were the Pittsburg Coal Company. They succeeded four years ago in getting their Lake rates reduced from 88 cents to 78 cents, thereby increasing the differential against Fairmont to 12 cents, as the Fairmont rate is now 90 cents. This is a very important case, as the Lake tonnage is large.

"These two cases are of the utmost importance to West Virginia. If from any cause they are decided favorably to the contentions of the Ohio and Pennsylvania operators, the coal business in West Virginia will be placed under very unfavorable conditions for active and successful competition with them, and of course to that extent the business will be very injuriously affected in this state. An aroused public sentiment among our people should manifest itself to see that no further injustice shall be done the West Virginia industry. All that our operators ask is to be permitted to have a fair, competing chance with other regions in rates and established conditions. In the past they have not had this chance. It is now sought to further limit our coal activities by fixing rates to accommodate the operators of other sections. Our coal operators are making a splendid fight for their rights—indeed, almost for their existence. They deserve and should have the united and efficient backing of the whole people of the state."

WATCHING BRIDGES

Heavy Sheepskin Coal Tonnage Makes This Necessary

Because of the heavy coal tonnage being moved over the Sheepskin branch of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, from the Fairmont region to the Pittsburg district, inspectors have been stationed at all the bridges and trestles. It is said that about double the rated capacity of the trestles is being moved over it with each train. Larger engines than usual have been pressed into service and most of the trains are double-headed.

So far as has been determined there has been no trouble as a result of the heavy movement, but the railroad is taking no chances. Steps have already been taken by the railroad towards replacing several of the bridges with larger structures.

New Assistant Superintendent.

J. M. Henry has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters at Youngwood.

STATE RAILWAY ACCIDENTS NUMBERED 15,000 IN 1915

Collecting Such Data Only a Part of Service Commission's Duty: Large Increase in Business.

Fifteen thousand accidents on steam railroads, street railways and other common carriers during the year ending May 31, 1916, is the Pennsylvania record. Each accident has been classified by the bureau of accidents, Public Service Commission, and as a result of the studies made the commission is enabled to project plans to reduce the staggering total. In getting at the facts, a record has been made of the grade crossings on every steam railroad in the state, the hours during which the crossings are protected and the character of the protection.

The reports show whether the accident occured on a main line, a public or private siding, a township road, street or private road and the number of trains that pass over the crossing daily and nightly.

The tabulation of accidents is only one of the features of the public service commission's work. The volume of business has increased 300 per cent in many fields, according to Chairman D. B. Ainey, who finds it a matter of gratification that the increasing volume has been handled with virtually no increase in the office force and with an appropriation smaller than that provided by any other state comparing with Pennsylvania.

New York spends $1,500,000 annually on the work of its public service commission, while this state has but $270,000 for the same period.

Chairman Ainey says that during the year ending June 1, 1915, 375 formal complaints and four of an informal character were filed, but that this year there were 483 formal complaints and 222 of an informal nature. The municipal contract applications increased approximately 400 and the applications for certificates of public conveniences went up from 305 to 906.

The increase in the business handled was also reflected in the reports of the various bureaus attached to the commission. The engineering bureau made 281 investigations, as compared with 156 the year before. Beside this, 21,334 schedules were filed and classified by the tariff bureau, while 728 special tariff permissions were granted and 165 reparation cases disposed of.

REQUEST CONSIDERATION—

Of Connellsville Rate Case Along With Lake Cargo Case.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Following an announcement that Connellsville coal rates as compared with those from surrounding districts which now enjoy a differential in favor of the latter, would be considered by the Interstate Commerce Commission and a hearing on the subject given in connection with the case now before the commission of the proposed 15 cent increase from the Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee fields into part of the central freight association territory, C. Andrade, Jr., of New York, counsel for the Connellsville Coal Tariff Association, requested of the commission that the claims of the Connellsville operators to more favorable rates be considered and hearing be given also in connection with the lake cargo coal case, which is being heard by the commission separately from that of the rates on coal which does not enter into the joint rail and water trade.

Mr. Andrade pointed out in discussing the subject that there was no reason why the Connellsville operators should not be given the same rights in competing for lake cargo trade as they seek in the commercial field of those portions of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois affected by the commercial coal case.

The Canton, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce, which has filed complaint against the present rates on coal from the Pittsburg and Connellsville districts, suggesting that they should be 10 cents a ton less, also has requested to have its petition made a part of the present case; but this has been denied on the ground that Canton is not in the portion of Ohio to which the present proposed increase of rates applies.

ELECTRIC FURNACES

Will Form a Very Important Factor in Future Steel Manufacture.

Steel men recognize in the development and rapid introduction of the electric steel furnace a most important factor in the manufacture of the higher grades of steel. Before the war, this country had in operation about 25 furnaces of this type. In 1913, these furnaces produced about 30,000 tons of electric steel, says The Daily Iron Trade. In 1915, this had been increased about fourfold. Today there are in operation or building more than 100 furnaces with an estimated capacity in ingots and castings of over 1,000,000 tons annually. It is significant to note that very few of these new plants are concerned with the manufacture of munitions. In a great majority, they are designed to fill a permanent place in the steel commerce of the country. Their probable influence upon the crucible stel industry, upon the previous importation of quality steels from European countries and upon the commoner forms of steel in the general markets, offers food for interesting speculation.

TO STUDY GRADE CROSSINGS.

Public Service Commission to Make an Investigation.

The Pennsylvania Public Service Commission is having a survey made of all the grade crossings in the state, with a view of devising some way to rid the commonwealth of the more dangerous ones at a reasonable cost.

It is expected that the commission will, in due time, recommend the elimination of a number, but the plan by which this is to be done has not yet been worked out.

Coal in Texas.

A bed of coal 28 inches in thickness has been discovered near Crico, Tex.

Coal Freight Rates

TO EASTERN POINTS — Rate per Gross Ton of 2,240 lbs. Destination	ORIGINATING DISTRICT. C'ville Pitts'bg	W'moreland Fairmont	G'burg	Latrobe
Baltimore, Md.	$2.00	$1.85	$1.70	$1.60
Chester, Pa.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Harrisburg, Pa.	1.70	1.56	1.40	1.30
Johnstown, Pa.	.85	.60*	.60	.45
Lebanon, Pa.	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50
New York, 37th St.	2.25	2.10	1.95	1.85
New York, Brooklyn	2.35	2.20	2.05	1.95
Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Sparrows Point, Md.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Steelton, Pa.	1.72	1.57	1.42	1.32
South Bethlehem, Pa.	2.10	1.95	1.80	1.70
Syracuse, N. Y.	2.15	2.00	1.85	1.75
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. R. R				
Greenwich, Pa.	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Greenwich, Pa., for Export	1.65	1.50	1.35	1.25
So. Amboy, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	1.87	1.80	1.65	1.55
Harsmus, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Greenville, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Canton, Baltimore, Md.	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Canton, Md., for Export	1.58	1.43	1.28	1.18
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B. & O.				
St. George, N. Y., Coal Piers	2.25	2.10		
St. George, N. Y., for Export	1.95	1.80		
Philadelphia Coal Piers	1.75	1.60		
Philadelphia, for Export	1.65	1.50		
Curtis Bay, Balto., Piers	1.75	1.60		
Curtis Bay, Balto., for Export	1.58	1.43		

*The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is 75c.

The Connellsville Rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; from points on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Sutterville, Pa.; from points on the Smithfield & Masontown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

TO WESTERN POINTS. — Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs. Destination	Pittsburg	ORIGINATING DISTRICT. Connellsville	Fairmont
Canton, O.	$0.95	$1.10	$1.05
Chicago, Ill.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Cleveland, O.	1.00	1.15	1.15
Columbus, O.	1.00	1.15	.90
Detroit, Mich.	1.40	1.55	1.40
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Toledo, O.	1.25	1.40	1.25
Youngstown, O.	.70	.85	.95
Lake Ports	.78	.90	.90

The Pittsburg District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Ruffsdale; south to and including Brownsville and Braznell on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad; eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southward to and including Brownsville on the New York Central lines.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale; on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston except Braznell and all Monongahela River railroad points; New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

ELECTRIC STEEL MILL PLANS MAKE RAPID PROGRESS

Results Accomplished Are Reported at Meeting of the Stockholders.

ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED

Robert Lock Named President and General Manager; W. E. Moore, Chairman of Board; F. E. Markell, Treasurer; Need Subscriptions.

That the success of the United States Electric Steel Company, which is to locate here, is virtually assured, was indicated at a meeting of the stockholders which was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Tuesday. Robert Norris, representing the local holders, reported that all but $7,000 of the $60,000, which was to have been raised here, has been subscribed. It is expected that the remaining amount can be raised within the next few days.

A permanent organization was effected at the stockholders' meeting last night. A board of seven directors was elected. It consists of W. E. Moore, Robert Lock, Worth Kilpatrick, F. E. Markell, Robert Norris, F. T. Evans and F. H. Penney. It was announced that Mr. Penney would serve as a director and secretary of the company until a future date, when Mr. Lock expects to secure the services of a thoroughly experienced steel man, who has specialized in both salesmanship and mill accounting, as secretary. This man is at present employed with a large and going steel concern.

Following the stockholders' meeting, the board of directors organized by electing Robert Lock as president and general manager; W. E. Moore, president of the board, and F. E. Markell, treasurer. Mr. Penney was elected secretary during the preliminary organization.

President Lock announced to the meeting that the location for the mill has not been fully determined, but that it would probably be located in the Herd bottom. The Guller farm, overlooking the bottom, was also in view, he said. These details will be worked out later.

W. E. Moore reported that the preliminary organization had been effected and a charter secured.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors it was decided to issue notices of an assessment of 25 per cent of the stock subscribed.

During the general discussion, both W. E. Moore and Robert Lock reported on the favorable condition of the electric steel industry, while John L. Gans of The Courier, in mentioning that there are already under construction or in course of construction some 100 electric steel furnaces in the country, called attention to the fact that electric steel is going into domestic orders rather than munitions contracts.

The general sentiment expressed by stockholders after the meeting was that unusually satisfactory progress was being made. President Lock has made a good impression with the business men here. He is an experienced steel man. W. E. Moore, through his long connection with the West Penn, is regarded as virtually a Connellsville man. Mr. Moore was given a round of applause when he announced that he would take up two $500 subscriptions which had been turned back by the subscribers because personal misfortunes made it impossible for them to invest at this time.

Free Time Not Reduced.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has denied the request of the bituminous coal shippers for a suspension of the new tariffs cutting down the free time on cars held at export loading ports.

A Cleveland Warehouse.

The Bethlehem Steel Company has purchased ground in Cleveland upon which will be erected a large warehouse for stocks of special steels now being made by this company.

PENNSY MANAGEMENT ASKS EMPLOYES NOT TO QUIT WORK

Calls for Volunteers to Operate Trains in Event a Strike Is Declared.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—General Manager S. C. Long of the Pennsylvania railroad has appealed to the 146,000 employes of the company's lines east of Pittsburg, asking for the continuance of their loyalty and calling for volunteers to maintain the service in the event of a trainmen's strike. The appeal discusses the possible effect of a strike and adds:

"If this strike of trainmen is carried on, our company will require engineers, firemen, conductors, passenger and freight brakemen. The management calls attention of all faithful employes to the necessity that may arise to meet such emergencies.

"Those of you who feel and believe with the management that the traffic of teh company must move regradless of any wage controversy and who are willing to volunteer their services to assist the company in doing its duty to the public, to the stockholders and to loyal and faithful employes, will send their names to their immediate superior officers, stating for what service they volunteer.

"The management gives assurance to those who may volunteer and whose services are accepted that they will be retained in the positions assigned to them and receive the same protection that has always been afforded during crises of this nature."

NEW YORK, June 21.—"The statement is an effort to intimidate the men," said A. B. Garretson, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, when he was informed of the Pensylvania railroad's appeal to employes. "It will fail of its purpose. The railroads have resorted to such tactics before, but never so openly. Heretofore they have sought to accomplish the same end in secreta.

"The statement, in my mind, has no special significance and does not alter the situation which, as has already been pointed out, is not hopeless. There is no danger of a general strike unless the railroads refuse to negotiate with us after the strike vote is taken. It must be remembered that the strike vote has yet to be taken."

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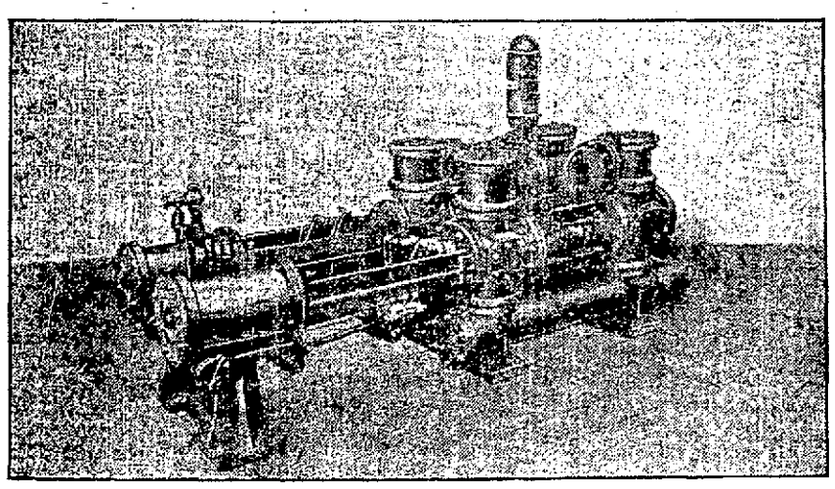

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